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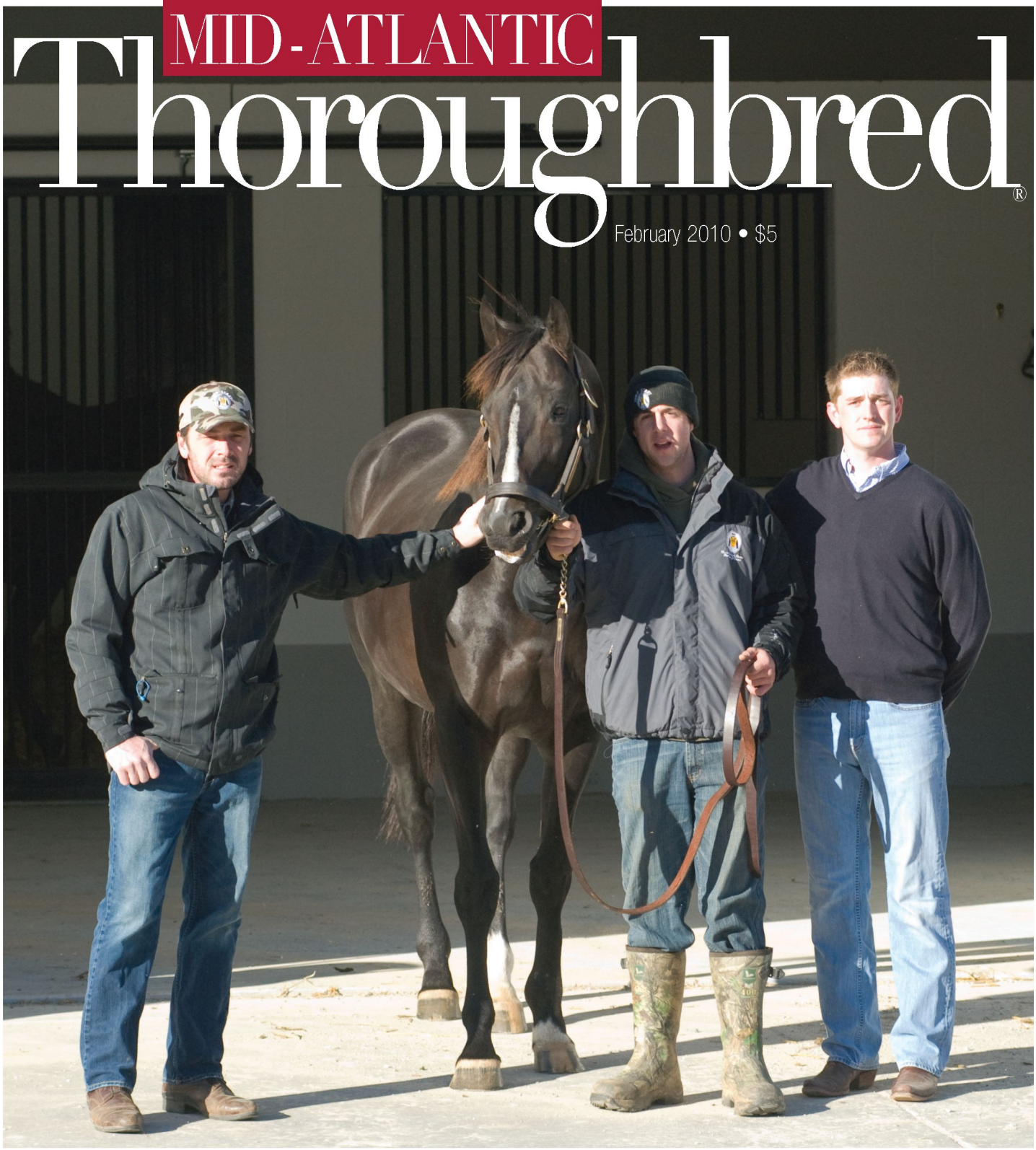

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Morgan's Ford Farm, $544,298
James Hackman, $340,821
Mrs. Oliver Iselin III, $258,752
Larry Johnson, $237,289
Mede Cahaba Stable & Stud LLC, $229,055
Donna Hayes, $206,494

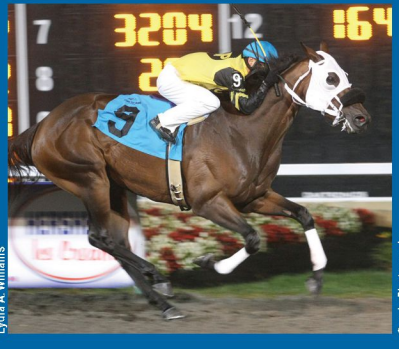
Bob Coglianese

Quality Road ($947,030). Bred by Edward P. Evans

Not pictured: Eishin Boston ($867,713). Bred by Audley Farm

Lydia A. Williams

Researcher ($492,859)
Virginia Tech Foundation Inc.



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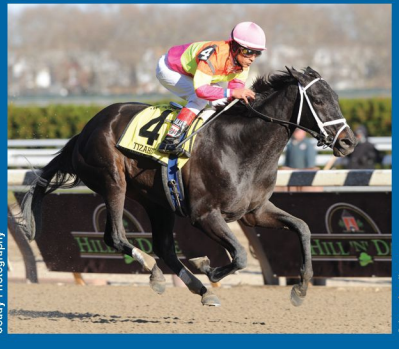
Rollicking Affair ($168,135)
Dresden Farm



Adam Coglianese

Tizahit ($161,925)
Morgan's Ford Farm

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- 2007 top five Kentucky 3rd crop sire with $2.85 million in progeny earnings
- Grade 1 winner **ALBERT THE GREAT** ($3,012, 490) won or placed in 12 graded stakes; defeated **TIZNOW, LEMON DROP KID**, etc.
- Holds the fastest 1 1/4 miles (1:59.24) run by a 3yo in New York

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COASTAL STORM
Storm Cat—Pearl City, by Carson City

- Sire of MSW **COASTAL SOLACE (**$362,310)**,** PHBA Distaff S. and Robellino S.
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- A 2008 Top-20 sire of PA-breds, with winners of $2-million in his first 3 crops
- Sire of the one-two finishers in the $100,000 W. V. Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders' Cup Classic
- Pennsylvania's Leading Freshman Sire of 2005, Leading 2nd Crop Sire of 2006, and Leading 3rd Crop Sire of 2007
- Progeny earnings for 2009—$660,00 ($2.3 million lifetime)
- Three-quarter brother to leading sire, **HENNESSY**

2010 Fee: $2,500 live foal

FUSILLADE
A. P. Indy—Ring of Fire, by Nureyev

- Son of Champion Three Year Old and Horse of the Year, A. P. Indy— Leading Sire by 2008 Grade 1 Winners; North America's #1 General Sire in 2006 and 2003, and #1 Sire of GSWs in 2007 and 2005
- Out of unraced Ring of Fire, sister to multiple GSW **SPINNING WORLD** ($1.7 million lifetime), winner of the Breeders' Cup Mile S. (G1)
- Fusillade broke his maiden first time out, winning Maiden Special Weight at Pimlico by 10 1/4 lengths with a 94 Beyer
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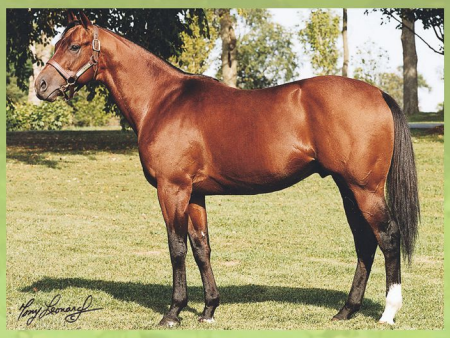

- Top 5 Leading PA Sire in 2009 and 2008; 3-Time Leading PA Sire (2006, '05, '04) with $1-million in 2009 progeny earnings; $20.1 million lifetime
- Sire of $500,000 Super Derby (G2) winner, **GOING BALLISTIC** ($1.1 million lifetime) and Canadian Classic winner, **ABLO** ($565,823)
- Sire of fifty 2008 winners, including two-time Saratoga SW and G1-placed **FEROCIOUS FIRES** ($368,767) and **I CAN'T REFUSE** ($321,561).
- Sired SWs from 5 1/2 f to 1 3/16 mile on all surfaces with 12% lifetime stakes horses from starters; $62,182 average earnings per starter

2010 Fee: $3,500 live foal

MORE SMOKE

Smoke Glacken—Saunter, by Strolling Along

- By Champion Sprinter **SMOKE GLACKEN,** sire of 41 stakes winners; From the female family of Kentucky Derby/Preakness winner, **BIG BROWN**
- Won Keeneland's Lafayette S.-G3 wire-to-wire, winning by 14 1/2 lengths, posting a 112 Beyer Speed Figure
- Set all the pace to win Pimlico's Dancing Count S. by 3 3/4 lengths and Monmouth's Select S. by five lengths
- Third to Champion Sprinter **LOST IN THE FOG** in Gulfstream Park's $150,000 Swale S.-G2
- First crop will race in 2011

2010 Fee: $3,500 live foal

SIPHON (Brz)

Itajara—Ebrea, by Kublai Khan

- Pennsylvania's leading sire by 2008 GSWs
- Sire of 8 GSW and 14 SW, including champion **SIPHONICA,** 2008 winners **Z FORTUNE** (G3) and **DELOSVIENTOS** (G2) and 2009 SW **HURLEY'S WAY**
- Sire of a GSW in each of his first five crops, including G1 winners **SIPHONIC**, **I'M THE TIGER**, **SIPHON CITY**, and **SIPHONIZER**
- Progeny earnings over $525,000 in 2009 ($16.3 million lifetime)
- Multiple graded stakes winning sire with earnings over $3 million
- Sire of 36 lifetime winners of $100,000+ with SWs on dirt and turf from 6f to 1 1/2 miles

2010 Fee: $3,500 live foal

Facilities at Tarry Bratton's Ghost Ridge Farms include a stallion barn complex, shown above, that houses an office and 22 stalls used for broodmares.

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Cherokee's Boy

Citidancer—Cherokee Wonder, by Cherokee Colony

Graded stakes winner of $1,177,946. Won or placed in 28 added-money races from 2 to 6. By **CITIDANCER**, sire of G1 winners **URBANE** and **HOOKEDONTHEFEELIN**, millionaire **PARK AVENUE BALL**, GSW **DISCO RICO** (sire), etc. Family of champion **FLEET INDIAN**. First crop 2YOs in 2010. **$2,500 LF**

Elusive Charlie

Elusive Quality—Not So Careless, by Desert Wine

NEW FOR 2010. Half-brother to MG1 **SUBORDINATION** ($1,221,068), **DOMINATION**, and to the dam of G1 **CARELESS JEWEL** ($1,013,346 in 7 starts at 3, 2009). Amazing family of foundation mare **Careless Notion**. **$1,000 LF**

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Grade 3 stakes-winning son of sire of sires **A.P. INDY**, out of Grade 3 SW. A $1.9 million Saratoga Sales yearling. Three-quarter-brother to unbeaten 2YO champion **VINDICATION**. **$5,000 LF**

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February 20	MARYLAND RACING MEDIA S	Fillies and mares Three-year-olds and up	$70,000-guaranteed*	1⅛ mi.
February 27	MIRACLE WOOD S	Three-year-olds	$70,000-guaranteed*	7 fur.
March 6	WIDE COUNTRY S	Fillies, Three-year-olds	$70,000-guaranteed*	7 fur.
March 20	PRIVATE TERMS S	Three-year-olds	$70,000-guaranteed*	1 mi.
March 27	HARRISON E. JOHNSON MEMORIAL S	Three-year-olds and up	$70,000-guaranteed*	1⅛ mi.
April 3	PRIMONETTA S	Fillies and mares Three-year-olds and up	$70,000-guaranteed*	6 fur.
April 10	DAHLIA S	Fillies and mares Three-year-olds and up	$70,000-guaranteed*	1 1/16 mi. turf

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Aqueduct—Jan. 1 to April 25
Arlington Park—April 28 to Sept. 28
Churchill Downs—April 24 to July 4
Delta Downs—Oct. 14 to March 20
Fair Grounds—Nov. 6 to March 28
Golden Gate—Dec. 26 to June 13
Gulfstream Park—Jan. 3 to April 23
Hawthorne Race Course—Feb. 12 to April 27
Hollywood Park—April 21 to July 18
Keeneland—April 2 to April 23
Lone Star Park—April 8 to July 18
Mountaineer—March 1 to Dec. 21
Oaklawn Park—Jan. 15 to April 10
River Downs—April 9 to Sept. 6
Sam Houston Race Park—Nov. 27 to April 3
Santa Anita—Dec. 26 to April 18
Tampa Bay Downs—Dec. 12 to May 2
Thistledown—April 23 to Nov. 6
Turfway Park—Nov. 29 to March 28

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Winter Mixed, Fasig-Tipton Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. (859) 255-1555. Feb. 8.
Selected Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. Feb. 16.
Selected Two-Year Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Florida, Calder Race Course, Miami, Fla. (859) 255-1555. March 2.
Adena Springs Two-Year-Olds in Training, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. March 15.
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Two-Year-Olds in Training, Fasig-Tipton Texas, Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie, Tex. (972) 262-0000. March 30.
April Two-Year-Olds in Training, Keeneland, Lexington, Ky. (800) 456-3412. April 5.
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Aiken Spring, Aiken, S.C. March 20.
Carolina Cup, Camden, S.C. March 27.
Stoneybrook, Raeford, N.C. April 3.
My Lady's Manor, Monkton, Md. April 10.
Strawberry Hill, New Kent, Va. April 10.
Block House, Tryon, N.C. April 17.
Grand National, Butler, Md. April 17.
Middleburg, Middleburg, Va. April 17.
Atlanta, Kingston, Ga. April 24.
Foxfield Spring, Charlottesville, Va. April 24.
Maryland Hunt Cup, Glyndon, Md. April 24.
Queen's Cup, Mineral Springs, N.C. April 24.
Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. May 1.
Winterthur, Winterthur, Del. May 2.
Iroquois, Nashville, Tenn. May 8.
Willowdale, Kennett Square, Pa. May 9.
Radnor, Malvern, Pa. May 15.
High Hope, Lexington, Ky. May 16.
Fair Hill, Fair Hill, Md. May 29.

SPRING POINT-TO-POINTS

Casanova, Warrenton, Va. Feb. 20.
Blue Ridge, Berryville, Va. March 6.
Warrenton, Warrenton, Va. March 13.
Foxhall Farm Trophy Team Chase, Glyndon, Md. March 14.
Howard County-Iron Bridge, Ellicott City, Md. March 20.
Piedmont, Upperville, Va. March 20.
Bull Run, Culpeper, Va. March 21.
Green Spring Valley, Hunt Valley, Md. March 27.
Orange County, Middleburg, Va. March 28.
Elkridge-Harford, Monkton, Md. April 3.
Old Dominion, Ben Venue, Va. April 3.
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Middleburg, Middleburg, Va. April 25.
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Horse Management, Cook Campus, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, N.J. (732) 932-5529; www.esc.rutgers.edu; e-mail: cwilliams@aesop.rutgers.edu. Feb. 7.
Horse Short Course Series, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. (919) 515-5784; www.cals.ncsu.edu/an_sci/extension/horse/hhmain.html. *Hoof Care and Shoeing,* March 12, 13.
Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference, Maryland Feed Industry Council Inc., Timonium, Md. (301) 405-1392; www.manc.umd.edu; e-mail: ansc-extension@umd.edu. March 24, 25.

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Letters to the editor

Maryland horse industry should rally around Arundel Mills mall slots site

As I performed my daily morning tasks, reading the horse industry trade journals online and listening to the news on WYPR, a news flash announced the Anne Arundel County Council had approved slots at Arundel Mills. I thought, "Finally, some much-needed optimism to give us reason to continue our Thoroughbred-related businesses in Maryland."

The next headline was "Horsemen's group may align with the anti-slots group in a petition drive to thwart slots and send it back to a November ballot."

Delaying slots is surely misguided. I would like to see slots at the race tracks, but Arundel Mills might be the best site as far as revenue is concerned. Does it have to be slots at the race tracks or nothing? I believe some of us think so.

Let's get on with it! No more delays! We need to stop the erosion of the Thoroughbred industry in Maryland. Our horsemen's groups need to come together to fend off attacks on takeout percentage of the slots revenue, not help defeat slots.

The Cordish Company complied with the requirements set forth by the slots commission and won the license. (Laurel Park owner) Magna Entertainment Corp. did not. David Cordish would also like to own the tracks, as he thinks it is in his best interests to do so. Let him have a crack at it. The current owner and previous owners have failed miserably.

Bill Reightler
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An auction of seasons to Pennsylvania stallions will be conducted February 14 through 16, with proceeds to benefit Old Friends equine retirement facility in Georgetown, Ky.

The auction is being organized by Pennsylvania horsewoman Jane White, whose beloved stallion Flying Pidgeon lived out his life at Old Friends.

The list of participating stallions, as well as additional information, is available from White at (215) 633-7092.

Information is also posted on the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Web site at www.pabred.com.

Bids may be submitted by e-mail at flyingpidgeon@hotmail.com.

All bids will be confidential, and sold on a no-guarantee basis with a breed-back in 2011 if necessary and possible.

Bidders must agree to make foals resulting from these matings eligible for PA-bred registration. Payment is due by March 1.

JOCKEY CLUB RENEWS RETIREMENT CHECKOFF PROGRAM

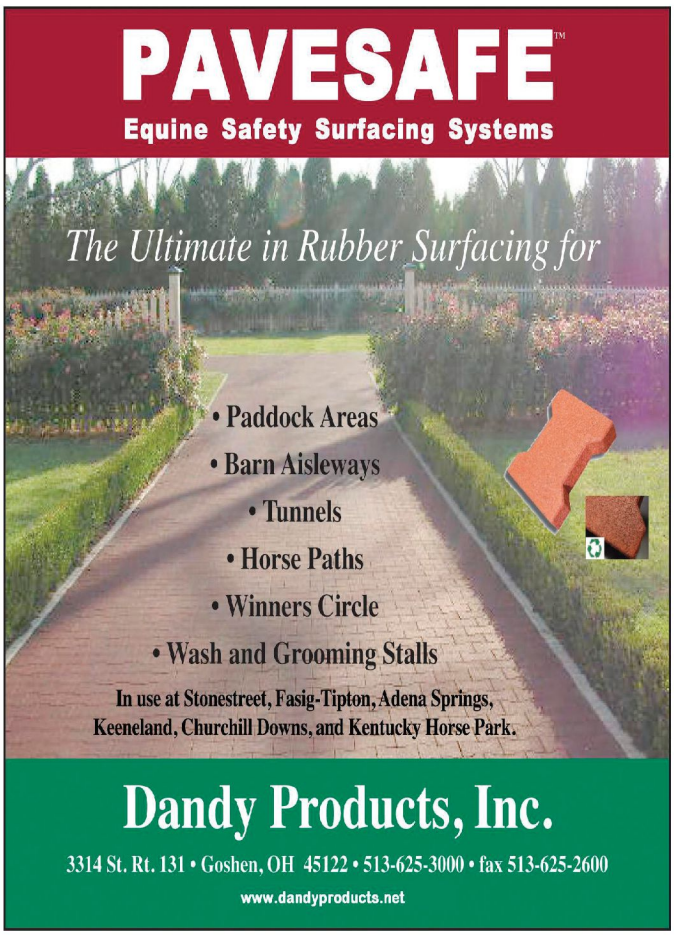
The Jockey Club is once again offering owners and breeders the opportunity to contribute, through a voluntary checkoff program, to Thoroughbred aftercare programs at the time they register their foals in 2010.

The retirement checkoff program, created in 2009, is administered by The Jockey Club, and it raises funds to assist the efforts of Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) and the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF).

The Jockey Club, through its four commercial subsidiaries, donated $100,000 to each of those two charities in 2009 and will make donations for that same amount in 2010.

Thoroughbred breeders have the option of selecting one of four graduated amounts ($25, $50, $75 or $100) to be designated for these Thoroughbred aftercare programs or they can fill in the amount of their choice on the Application for Foal Registration form. These contributions do not qualify as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

/The Jockey Club



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—PENSIONERS ON PARADE—

INDONESIA

Sitting in her car at her son's lacrosse game one afternoon in September 1996, Monkton, Md., horsewoman Michelle Rosenkilde grabbed the copy of the Baltimore *Sun* that she had happened to pick up that morning.

"That was something I never usually did," she explained, "but for some reason on that day, I bought one. And this was way back when they had horses and livestock listed in the classified ads."

Perusing the column, she found just one horse listed.

"I was sitting there and I thought, 'Well, I don't have anything better to do, so I'll call up about this horse,' even though I had plenty of hunters at the time,'" Rosenkilde recalled.

When owners Dick and Nancy Hain took the call, it became clear that the prospect, named Indonesia and a son of champion Alleged, might offer "just everything that I loved," Rosenkilde said.

Rosenkilde "came right out and asked why they were getting rid of" the 16.3-hand 10-year-old bay Thoroughbred.

It turned out that Dick Hain, then Master of the Carrollton Hounds in Carroll County, Md., had purchased the big gelding as a mount for his wife. "Nancy Hain said, 'I'll be perfectly honest with you. I've hunted him twice, and he's bucked me off twice,'" Rosenkilde recalled. "I said, 'Well, he sounds like my kinda horse.'"

Bred in Kentucky by Patricia Jones Edgerton, Indonesia raced for seven seasons. He was a capable runner in the claiming ranks under the tutelage of Barclay Tagg for three seasons from December 1988 to November 1991. Five of his eight career wins were earned under Tagg's tack. After a seven-month layup, Indonesia returned for trainer Ricky Hendriks in June 1992. By then a turf specialist, he achieved only mediocre success that year. But when Hendriks switched him to hurdles in April 1993, Indonesia found his calling. And when partnered with former jump rider (and now trainer) James (Chuck) Lawrence, he was nearly unstoppable. In five outings together, Lawrence and Indonesia scored three driving victories, pulled up in one contest, and left the course in the other. If they made it around, they won. . . once besting the stalwart Welter Weight at Saratoga.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Michelle Rosenkilde earned her hunt colors astride the "sassy" retiree.

Bowed tendons kept Indonesia sidelined from September 1993 to April 1995, when he returned over hurdles for owner William Osier and trainer Susan Cooney. But after three poor efforts, then 9-year-old Indonesia was retired and eventually re-schooled for the hunt field. In his 47 lifetime starts, he had 21 wins and placings for $78,952 in earnings.

Rosenkilde took him on a trial basis for a week, and "he was perfect," she said. "Then after I wrote the check for him, the next time I hunted him, he bucked me off. He's like a lightning bolt. After he bucked me off, I thought about Nancy Hain, who is just a teeny little woman. Because I'm telling you, in the blink of an eye he'd get you off. He was the orneriest thing."

Rosenkilde's husband, Jeff, served as her test pilot and continued to season Indy with the Elkridge-Harford Hunt. But when Michelle's beloved hunter, Benson, died of a heart attack while out hunting one Saturday, Indy got his chance to step up to the plate.

"I just started hunting him, and he really was the horse that sealed the deal for me getting my colors," Rosenkilde said. "I jumped everything on him. Now I ride in the second field; I don't like to jump anymore. But when I had him, he was a jumping fool. There was nothing that I was ever scared to jump when I was on him. He was so wonderful."

Kept at Rosenkilde's home and ridden regularly by her friends—including a 10-year-old girl—24-year-old Indy still goes hunting three times a week. He's a popular mount, much in demand.

"No Bute. He's smooth, he's lovely—the perfect beast," Rosenkilde proudly boasted. Around the barn, his cantankerous persona is entirely bark and no bite. In the cross ties, he'll pin his ears and grab a shirt or ponytail with his teeth.

"I mean, he is sassy as all get-out," Rosenkilde laughed, "but here at home, just hacking around, you could put your Daddy on him. He's that cool. And now I can put people who are absolutely petrified of horses on him. He will not do one bad thing while out hacking around."

Yet even in his dotage, Indonesia clearly still feels a need to live up to his wicked reputation.

Rosenkilde tried but failed to suppress a hearty laugh. "He never goes out hunting without a red ribbon in his tail. And if you came out to a hunt one morning and asked, 'Who here has been kicked by Indonesia?' pretty much the whole field would raise their hands. He's a trip."

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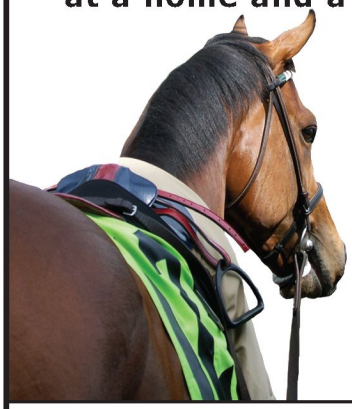

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IN MEMORIAM

TOM BLUNT

Thomas R. Blunt, who bred and raced horses in Maryland for many years, died on December 15 at the age of 84.

Mr. Blunt was a son-in-law of the late *Maryland Horse* editor Raleigh S. Burroughs, through his first wife, Nancy, who died in the 1960s.

He lived his entire life at a family farm in Granite, Md., and made his career as a surveyor for Baltimore County.

During World War II, Mr. Blunt served in Europe as an Army Ranger.

GEORGE DUNDAS

George G. Dundas, a longtime Maryland farrier, died on December 13. He was 78.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Dundas credited an early employer, Monkton, Md., horseman Bill Bozman, with steering him toward his trade. After attending farrier school, he began working on Maryland farms and race tracks in 1958.

Mr. Dundas worked on a number of high-profile race horses, most notably champion Spectacular Bid and 1983 Maryland-bred Preakness winner Deputed Testamony.

He was also an owner/breeder/trainer in his own right, and maintained a commercial layup facility in Phoenix, Md.

Mr. Dundas was predeceased in January 2009 by a son, Stephen L. Dundas, who worked side-by-side with him for two decades. Stephen Dundas died unexpectedly of natural causes at the age of 43.

ELAINE WHEELER

Elaine Mooney Wheeler, widow of Maryland farrier Robert E. (Jack) Wheeler, died on November 29.

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Stakes are high for Maryland's Anne Arundel County slots site

The Cordish Company's bid to build and operate Maryland's largest slots facility, in Anne Arundel County, received the required regulatory approval in December.

Still, the ultimate fate of the Anne Arundel site remains unclear.

When the legislation establishing Maryland's slots program was approved by the Maryland General Assembly in November 2007, and enacted by a statewide referendum in November 2008, it was widely assumed that the slots license in Anne Arundel County (one of five designated locations throughout the state) would go to Laurel Park.

The law allows for as many as 4,750 video lottery terminals (slots) at the Anne Arundel site, far more than the other locations.

However, Laurel Park's parent company, Magna Entertainment Corp., failed to submit the required fee along with its application in February 2009, and thus was eliminated from consideration.

Magna has several times gone to court in an effort to restart the bidding process, but so far has been unsuccessful.

The Cordish Company, led by Baltimore developer David Cordish, submitted a plan for a multimillion dollar casino to be located next to Arundel Mills Mall, approximately 10 miles from Laurel Park.

Zoning approval for the Cordish proposal lagged for 10 months as the Anne Arundel County Council repeatedly delayed voting on the site opposed by many area residents.

The state's Video Lottery Facility Location Commission granted The Cordish Company a license in December, and on December 21, the Anne Arundel County Council gave zoning approval to two locations – the Arundel Mills Mall site as well as an area that includes Laurel Park. The vote was 4-2 on both locations. County Executive John Leopold immediately vetoed the bill that included Laurel Park and signed the measure that gave a green light to the Cordish plan.

Magna is now spearheading a petition drive to collect 19,000 signatures from Anne Arundel County residents, opposing the Arundel Mills site. If that effort is successful, the decision on the Arundel Mills slots site could be put back in the hands of county voters, in the form of a referendum on the ballot in next fall's election.

But the elephant in the room remains the prospective sale of Magna's three Maryland racing properties – Laurel, Pimlico and Bowie Training Center, which were set for auction on January 21 (a date delayed from January 8) – and the degree of commitment that any future owner will have toward maintaining live racing at Laurel, if slots are not an option at the track and a major casino is in operation just down the road.

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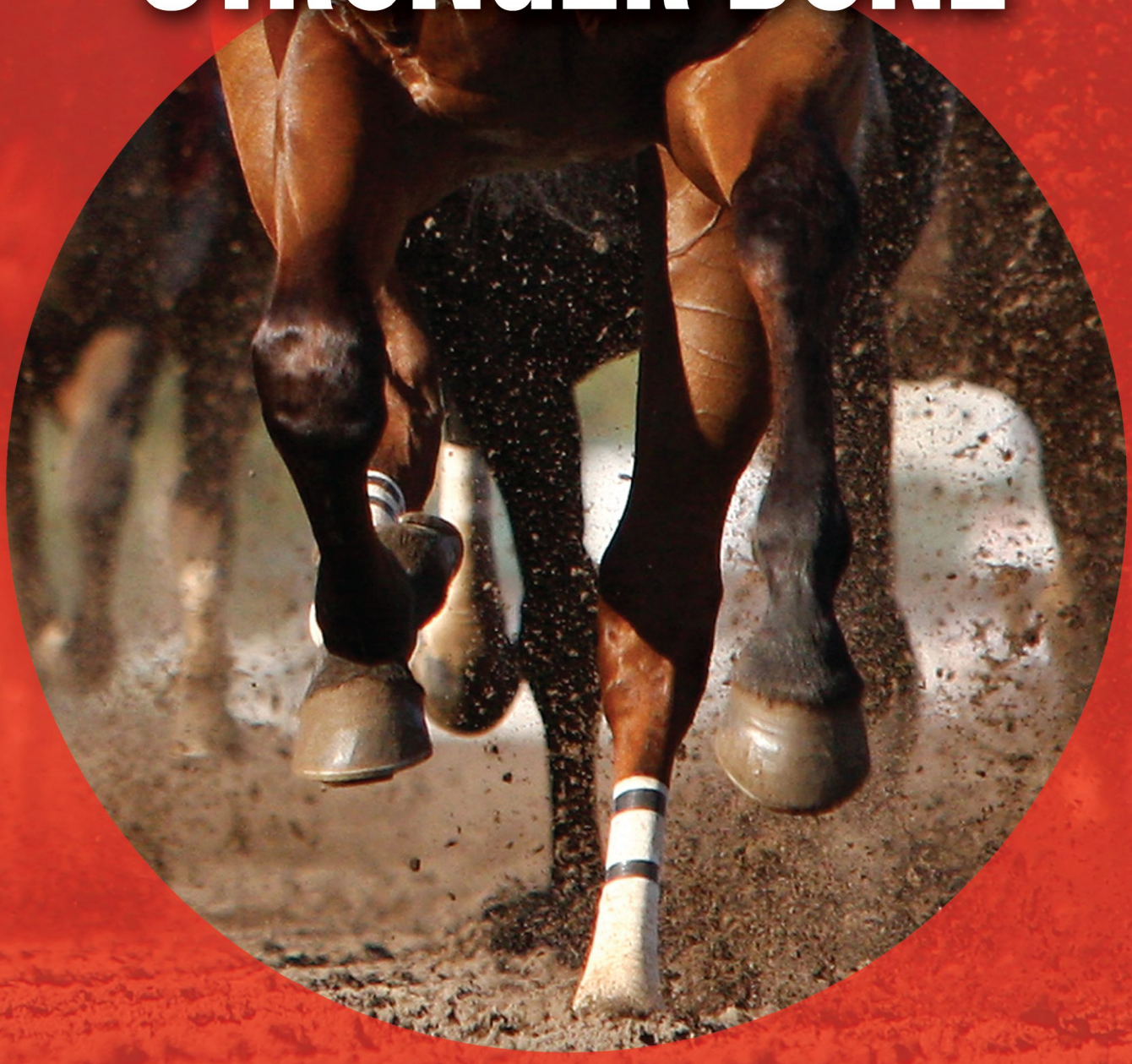

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Ghost Ridge Farms jumps into action in Pennsylvania

In his first season of commercial operation, owner Tarry Bratton has assembled a lineup of seven stallions, topped by accomplished sires Jump Start and Honour and Glory. Story by Cindy Deubler.

Throughout the fall of 2009, Ghost Ridge Farms seemed to appear in the national breeding news every week. Stallion after stallion was finding his way to the York, Pa.-area establishment. By the start of the 2010 breeding season, Ghost Ridge was home to seven stallions, five of them standing their first Pennsylvania season.

Two of the horses new to Pennsylvania, Jump Start and Honour and Glory, assumed the one-two spots on the state's leading sires list by progeny earnings in 2009.

It begged the question–Ghost Ridge Farms? Who is behind this bold new venture?

Ghost Ridge Farms, in the southeastern portion of the state, is the creation of Tarry Bratton, a go-getting, 39-year-old native Pennsylvanian who has been involved with Thoroughbreds on his own for only the past five years. But his relative inexperience could be deceptive–Bratton, who previously built a successful contracting business, has spent a great deal of time and effort formulating a business plan for Ghost Ridge.

COURTESY OF GHOST RIDGE FARMS

Tarry Bratton, who has owned horses on his own account for the past five years, used his skills as a successful contractor to develop the new farm.

Bratton's goal is to offer quality stallions for any budget, and maintain the facilities and staff to do right by his clients.

He is sensitive to client relations. "I felt I was taken advantage of when I was new to the business," Bratton said.

A key to the fledgling operation was the hiring of Carl McEntee. A 30-year-old Irishman and Kentucky transplant hailing from a family of horsemen, McEntee has taken on the title of general manager.

McEntee came on board in March 2009 as a transformation at the farm was underway.

Currently, there are two addresses for Ghost Ridge. (The farm's name was inspired by deer, which were abundant on the property. An avid hunter, Bratton noted that hunters refer to glimpsing the white tails of deer at night as seeing "ghosts.") The original tract, which encompasses 120 acres with the hub being a large 30-stall bank barn built by Bratton's company in 2008, is located in Brogue, southeast of the small town of Red Lion. Bratton and his family–wife Kirsten, son Channing, 9, and daughter Kennedy, 6–live on the Brogue property.

BARRIE B. REIGHTLER

Stallion complex, modified from an existing structure, features a 60' x 130' breeding shed, eight 16' x 16' stallion stalls, plus accommodations for mares shipping in to be bred. A fully screened stall in a corner of the breeding shed allows a handler to keep a foal and mare in visual contact during a mating.

Bratton has been leasing a smaller, approximately 80-acre farm, named Two Ponds, about 10 miles northwest of Brogue. Originally an Arabian horse farm, and once owned by Bratton's father, Two Ponds has been used in recent years by Bratton for yearlings.

THE STALLION DIVISION

Bratton saw potential in the Two Ponds property as a stallion complex, with an existing barn that could easily be modified to accommodate eight stallions, provide a large breeding shed, and allow for additional stalls for ship-in mares. The barn's original 22 box stalls house maiden and late-season foaling mares.

A benefit of being connected in the construction business –Bratton owns the contracting company, BC Inc., which specializes in commercial roofing–is the ability to design and construct quickly. Bratton's father, Robert Myers, has his own masonry contracting business. (Bratton's parents were divorced when he was young, and when his mother remarried, he was adopted by his stepfather and took the Bratton name. But Bratton has remained close to his biological father.) The eight new, 16' x 16' stallion stalls were built by Myers's Merlin L. Myers Masonry Inc. during the fall of 2009. The new stallion quarters, a converted warehouse/machinery shed that anchors the barn, are open, bright and airy.

As of late December, Bratton was still in the process of converting a former indoor arena into a breeding shed with five additional stalls for ship-in mares.

The new breeding shed, 60' x 130' with a lofty ceiling, has playground safe wood chips for its flooring.

An idea Bratton took from trips to breeding farms in Argentina when visiting to see shuttle stallions Jump Start and Honour and Glory was an extra fully screened stall, located at the corner of the breeding shed, in which a handler can hold a foal while allowing visual access for both the mare and foal.

Bratton and McEntee search for ways to make the farm user-friendly, and they pay attention to details. A crushed stone driveway circles the barn, with paddocks ringing the driveway.

About 50 acres of Two Ponds is in pasture, and the stallions' new paddocks were fenced during the summer. The farm is located about 15 minutes from Interstate 83.

ALREADY LOOKING AHEAD

But Bratton's plans call for the operation to condense, in time.

"We will be here [at Two Ponds] for a few years," said Bratton. Residential development is pressuring the property, which was spared from the inevitable four years ago when the availability of Windsor Township sewer and water rights was delayed and the housing market came to a screeching halt.

Bratton has taken the initial steps for the future, having purchased a 50-acre parcel of land adjacent to the main farm in the fall of 2008. A new stallion complex is a future project, but two 18-stall broodmare barns are currently under construction after a late 2009 groundbreaking. McEntee plans to have the new barns operational by March.

With new pasture covering 25 acres on the new parcel, and another 18 pastures on the primary farm ranging in size from two acres to 13 acres, plus five smaller paddocks and a horse walker with race track sand footing, Ghost Ridge has accommodations for a variety of services.

The farm advertises breaking and training of yearlings and sales prep, as well as mare care and boarding.

YOUTHFUL EXPERIENCE

A fifth-generation horseman, McEntee is one of five

General manager Carl McEntee has a lengthy resume, having worked at a number of prominent horse facilities in the U.S. and in England.

BARBIE B. BERGHTLER (2)

Four generations: Bratton with grandfather Merlin Myers (a witness to the Seabiscuit/War Admiral match race), father Robert Myers and son Channing.

children of successful Irish jockey turned trainer Philip McEntee. The youngest of four sons, Carl McEntee graduated from Cambridge College in England and also gained an education at the National Stud in England. All four of Philip McEntee's boys are in the horse business – Philip is a trainer in England; Paul works as farm manager at Stone Farm in Kentucky; and Mark McEntee, manager of Miacomet Farm, was recently named president of the Kentucky Thoroughbred Farm Managers' Club.

As a teenager, Carl McEntee began to ride races as an amateur over jumps and on the flat, but as he grew (he is now 6'2"), he turned his attention to other aspects of the industry.

Summer holidays spent in the U.S. gave McEntee additional experience on the race track.

Following his studies at the National Stud, McEntee gained employment at Miacomet Farm, where he spent two years. He also worked for about a year for Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital before going back to England. After a stint at Darley's White Lodge Farm, America once again beckoned.

McEntee was 23 when he took the position as farm manager at Idle Hour Farm in Kentucky. Four years later, he accepted a similar position at Paragon Farm in Lexington, where he remained until making the move to Ghost Ridge.

McEntee, his wife, Rachel, and 21-month old daughter, Amelia, live about a mile from Two Ponds.

EXPANDING HIS BUSINESS

Bratton is determined to make the farm work like a business – which isn't how his initial involvement in the Thoroughbred industry began.

His history with horses came from his grandfather, Merlin Myers, and his father, who dabbled with breeding horses and racing a few runners over several decades. When Robert Myers decided to sell his horses in 2006, Bratton stepped in.

Bratton took over six yearlings, and slowly began adding to the numbers. His primary focus initially was on racing, so Bratton began to make purchases at 2-year-olds in training sales. In short time, he started to shift his attention to breeding. Soon he had more than 35 mares, plus a nicely bred, unraced stallion – Dixie's Prodigy. The son of Dixie Union was purchased at a 2-year-old sale and stood his first season at stud in 2008. But Bratton wasn't seeing any real progress.

Bratton built up his construction business to where it virtually runs on its own, according to him.

"You have to surround yourself with the right people – you can't do anything by yourself," said the contractor. He has switched gears to take the same approach with the farm.

Bratton has nearly 75 employees between his two businesses, with some crossover of work, such as accounts payable and marketing. The farm employs 10 people full time year-round, including stallion manager Marshall Horan, who has been with Ghost Ridge since its inception. Horan traveled to Argentina this fall to become familiar with Jump Start and Honour and Glory, and when the stallions shipped back to the U.S., Horan stayed with them through quarantine in Miami.

"We have a good staff," said McEntee. "They are an intelligent and caring staff."

Another team member with the farm from the start is 25-year-old yearling manager Justin Shupp, who is also a huntsman for Rose Tree Fox Hunt, which is located next door to Ghost Ridge. McEntee notes that yearling breaking and training includes taking the youngsters out on the same trails the hunt uses.

LAUNCHING THE STALLION VENTURE

Taking the big step to bring in nationally ranked stallions to the growing Pennsylvania market, Bratton was assisted by David Hager, owner of Idle Hour Farm, as well as Jamie LaMonica of The Stallion Company in Lexington. It was McEntee's connection with

Hager from his days at Idle Hour that precipitated the 75 percent acquisition of Jump Start in early October.

A graded stakes-winning juvenile by sire of sires A.P. Indy, Jump Start immediately got good numbers at stud and had his best year yet, with four crops to race, in 2009. Now 11, Jump Start has sired 18 stakes winners, topped by 2009 Hollywood Gold Cup-G1 winner Rail Trip. Other graded stakes horses for the stallion last year were Longacres Mile-G3 winner Assessment, Aristides Stakes-G3 winner Bold Start, and Grade 1-placed mare Copper State.

With more than $4.5 million in progeny earnings in 2009, Jump Start was by far the leader among Pennsylvania sires, and ranked second to only Maryland-based Not For Love in the region. His stud fee was set at $10,000, the highest for any stallion in the state in 2010.

"I figured $10,000 was the plateau for the Pennsylvania market at this time," said McEntee, who hasn't balked with the decision of setting that fee, even in the current economy. "He is a good-looking, solid horse who throws good-looking, solid individuals."

Shares in Jump Start were sold on an agreement that allows shareholders to breed two mares a year for the next three years, and one mare each year after. McEntee expects a book of about 120 mares this season, and clients are bringing mares from many outside states.

The Argentinian trip to see Jump Start netted Honour and Glory as well. Raul Lottero, who heads the South American partnership that owns 25 percent of Jump Start, connected Bratton and McEntee with La Mission Stallion Station in Argentina, which owns Honour and Glory. Among the stallions who stand at La Mission during the Southern Hemisphere season are Giant's Causeway and Johannesburg.

A 17-year-old son of Relaunch who won the Metropolitan Mile-G1 as a 3-year-old, Honour and Glory shot out of the gate as a sire when his first crop reached the races in 2000. He was the leading 2-year-old sire in the nation, with offspring including that season's Eclipse Award-winning juvenile filly, Breeders' Cup winner Caressing.

Honour and Glory has also become a leading sire in Argentina since his first Southern Hemisphere crop came to the races in 2007. He ranked second in Pennsylvania by progeny earnings for 2009, with $3.6 million. His stud fee is $6,500 live foal.

"Both of these horses did fine in Kentucky," noted McEntee.

Bratton is thrilled with their connections in Argentina. "They are very good partners who are breeding quality horses. Jump Start bred more than 100 mares this past season in South America, and a third were stakes-producing mares." The two stallions will continue to shuttle to South America for a second season.

The syndicate-owned Greatness, an 11-year-old son of Mr. Prospector who last stood at Adena Springs South in Florida, stands for $5,000. His arrival at Ghost Ridge brought nearly three dozen mares owned by principal shareholder Ed Seltzer. Among the elite runners Seltzer has bred over the years (either solely or in partnership) are classic winners Tank's Prospect, Midway Lady and Protection Racket and millionaire Grade 1 winner Red Giant.

In addition to Seltzer's support, McEntee expects to book another 30 to 40 mares to Greatness. To date, the best of Greatness's runners in his first three crops is his stakes-winning daughter Amazing, who concluded her 4-year-old campaign by getting nosed out by winner Sweet Repent in the Stage Door Betty Handicap-G3 on December 26 at Calder Race Course.

The other new additions are Smooth Jazz and Irish Road.

Smooth Jazz, who previously stood in New York, is represented by millionaire Smooth Air in his first crop. Now 5, Smooth Air has won four stakes, including the Gulfstream Park Handicap-G2, Ohio Derby-G2 and Hutcheson Stakes-G2.

New arrivals, top to bottom: Jump Start, Honour and Glory and Greatness. Number one among Pennsylvania sires based on 2009 progeny earnings, Jump Start (by A.P. Indy) is topped within the region only by perennial leader Not For Love. Honour and Glory (by Relaunch) ranks second in the state. Greatness (by Mr. Prospector) is also drawing strong support.

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Yearling manager Justin Shupp doubles as huntsman for Rose Tree Fox Hunt, and frequently takes out youngsters on trails used by the hunt.

BARRIE B. REIGHTLER

Bratton designed and built the Ghost Ridge bank barn, which houses horses on two levels.

BARRIE B. REIGHTLER

The breeding shed, converted from an indoor arena, connects to the stallion annex, shown through doorway above.

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The main farm features a European-style walker with customized race track sand footing.

Eleven-year-old Smooth Jazz (by Storm Boot), also a graded stakes winner, stands for $3,500.

Irish Road is a 10-year-old son of Unbridled's Song whose oldest crop is now 3. "He throws a cracking-looking baby," said McEntee of the gray stallion who stands for $1,500.

Rounding out the roster are Alex's Pal (stud fee $2,000) and Dixie's Prodigy ($1,000). Alex's Pal moved from Florida to Ghost Ridge for the 2009 season and covered 37 mares. "He didn't get much support in Florida," acknowledged McEntee. "But of his runners [Alex's Pal's oldest foals are now 4] he gets a lot of repeat winners."

Sire of 19 winners from 31 starters in his first two crops, Alex's Pal "is what breeders should be looking for—horses who knock out consistent runners, offering the opportunity to earn breeder's awards."

Alex's Pal, by Valid Expectations, is a three-quarter brother to Grade 2 winner and sire Successful Appeal and a half-brother to $732,837-earner and graded stakes-winning turf sprinter True to Tradition.

Dixie's Prodigy is a half-brother to graded winner Really Polish and three-quarter brother to stakes winner Ragtime Hope, out of the Smarten mare Good 'n Smart, a full sister to Chesire Kitten.

"We are trying to offer variety with the bloodlines we have here," noted McEntee.

KENTUCKY FEEL IN PENNSYLVANIA

"If you don't have a good reputation, you don't have anything," said McEntee. The reputation he and Bratton want to build is that of quality.

"Every mare needs the same attention and we need to do everything as best we can for them," said McEntee. "If we do a good job, we are set—we want people to come back."

Ghost Ridge utilizes local feed company The Mill of Bel Air to formulate its nutritional program, and McEntee weighs all the young horses on the farm at least once a week to track growth patterns; mares get weighed once a month.

The broodmare barn has four 16' x 16' foaling stalls with closed-circuit monitors and a three-person crew on night watch. McEntee reports a 100 percent live foal rate at the farm in 2009 from 44 mares who foaled there. Technology allows for mare owners to watch a live feed of the monitor through the Internet when their mares are close to foaling. The farm is a client of the Maryland Equine Center veterinary practice, and the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Center is 30 minutes from the main farm.

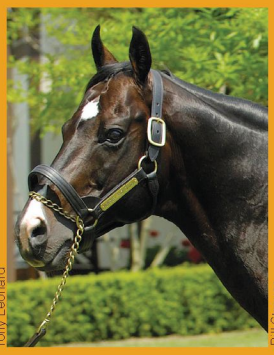
"We're running this farm like a Kentucky farm," said McEntee.

Unity is also something Bratton and McEntee are striving for with farms throughout the state. The two believe a farm managers group would help solve problems that all farm owners face. "We need boarding agreements, industry standards," said Bratton.

"Let's do what Kentucky does," said McEntee. "Let's get farms together, breeders together, to work to make the industry the best it can be.

"If the job is done properly," he added, "this state can't fail."

The Mill wishes Ghost Ridge Farms the best of luck in 2010!



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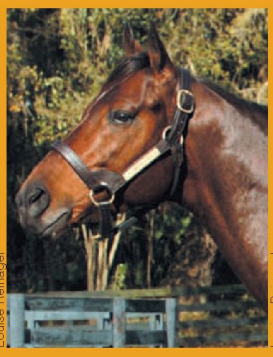

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The stallions at Ghost Ridge Farms are fed by The Mill and include some of their latest additions pictured above: Jump Start, Honour and Glory, Greatness, Irish Road and Smooth Jazz.

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Charles Town lets the good times roll

Once moribund track in West Virginia, saved in 1997 by the introduction of slots, has become one of the most innovative and prosperous racing venues in the nation. Interview by Lucy Acton. Photographs by Barrie B. Reightler.

A race track on the upswing sounds like an oxymoron in this day and age. But actually it's a fair way of describing Charles Town Races & Slots – one of the few Thoroughbred facilities in the nation that increased live racing days, distributed more purse money, and added significantly to its stakes schedule in 2009.

Handle on Charles Town's races simulcast to other locations rose 9.38 percent during the final three months of the year, indicating a remarkably strong demand for its racing product.

Innovations have included the Charles Town Classic, which will have an unprecedented $1 million guaranteed purse for its second running this April, and the Sprint Festival highlighted by the revival (in 2008) of the $250,000 Charles Town Dash, the richest four and a half-furlong race in the country.

The vision behind much of Charles Town's recent progress comes from Erich Zimny, a 33-year-old Georgetown University graduate who had a brief career practicing corporate law in New York City before switching his tack to attend the University of Arizona Race Track Industry Program.

Zimny, who earned his law degree as well as a master's in business administration from Rutgers University, grew up in Glen Ridge, N.J., "about 10 minutes west of the Meadowlands," and got his introduction to racing at the New Jersey tracks.

He describes himself as "first and foremost a huge sports fan."

Among his mentors is Lou Raffetto, the former Maryland racing executive whom he met during a stint in the racing office at Suffolk Downs, where Raffetto served as executive vice-president in the 1990s.

Zimny was hired as Charles Town's racing administrator in April 2008, right after graduating from the Arizona program, and several months ago was promoted to director of racing operations. In the executive hierarchy, he reports directly to Dickie Moore, general manager of racing, and Al Britton, general manager of the facility.

Zimny was interviewed by Lucy Acton on December 29 in the grandstand at Charles Town.

What was your mission when you came here? What did they hire you specifically to accomplish?

I don't think it was a specific mission. It was really as an operations guy. When I got here and surveyed the scene, I saw so much potential in the racing here. I know people on the outside have a view of Charles Town, and it's probably formed over many years, and it's not necessarily good.

But when I got here, I was blown away by the facilities. The quality of the racing was better than I ever would have imagined. And with some good marketing, some good p.r., some good nights to create visibility, there seemed to be no reason this place couldn't improve and improve substantially, racing-wise. So that's what it morphed into.

Obviously, table games have been a big issue at Charles Town for the last several years. (The county referendum to allow table games failed in June 2007, but passed with 59 percent in favor on December 5, 2009.) There has been great concern among horsemen that table games will eventually mean less money for racing.

It's a competitive landscape. You're trying to add an amenity to the arsenal of gaming items and entertainment items you have here. It's really nothing more than that. You know with Maryland slots coming on line, and Pennsylvania being in the news about getting tables, you want all the tools in your tool chest to be able to go out there and compete effectively. Tables will help.

And then the question is how soon and how many?

The how soon is sometime in the summer of 2010. I don't know if there's a target date; I'm not aware of one. Tables – I want to say around 85. That's the number that's been floated around there.

Can you give some idea of the potential scope of the operation?

It's very labor-intensive. It's somewhere between 500 and 600 people that we're adding to the workforce here. We're partnering with the local community college, Blue Ridge Technical, in doing the training of the people who are going to become dealers. It's a lengthy endeavor.

But a boost to the local economy.

Yes. That was one of the mantras during the campaign (for the referendum) – the number of jobs it was going to bring to the county. And the voters in the county recognized that, and that's certainly one of the reasons the referendum passed as it did.

What kind of impact do you expect table games to have on purses?

Studies by the West Virginia Lottery Commission and a Wall Street independent firm both concluded that there would be an increase in slots play when table games came on board. We rely on our independent sources as well.

A negative impact on purses is not something we're concerned about. External factors could come into play, and we could have a downturn, but it wouldn't be attributable to table games, and that's not the expectation.

The percentage of table games revenue that goes to purses is less than the VLTs (slots), because of the labor-intensiveness of the tables. If the tax rate were what it is for VLTs, as our general manager said in many open forums, we wouldn't even be having this discussion because they'd be a complete loser for us, and we wouldn't do it.

The economic model of tables necessitates that lower tax structure. But we're not concerned about purses going down just as a result of table games.

Erich Zimny, Charles Town's director of racing operations, has spearheaded many of the recent innovations, including the creation of the $1 million Charles Town Classic, set for its second running in April.

A lot of people would scoff at that statement. There's a fairly widespread view regarding (Charles Town's parent company) Penn National Gaming – that it's not committed to racing. How would you respond to that?

How many other race tracks around the country have cut purses, or cut days?

In 2009, we added days and there was a purse increase in April or May. We added $2 million in stakes when tracks are cutting stakes left and right. That right there to me says, "That myth is garbage."

It irks me when I hear people say that, and you hear it a ton. There's a big difference between a company throwing money at something and making a calculated investment. This company has done everything imaginable since I've been here to improve the racing aspects of the business.

How many live racing days did you add, and how large was the purse increase?

As one prominent trainer told me: "When you put up those numbers of zeros [referring to the $1,000,000 Charles Town Classic] your track starts looking pretty big."

It was 15 days. We ran 235 versus 220. So that right there is a 6.8 percent increase.

For overnight purses – about 6 percent in the aggregate. Stakes, 100 percent in the aggregate. Total purse distribution, 8 percent.

Everything is in that 6 to 10 percent range, as far as purses and days.

Let's discuss some of the ways you are working to bolster the racing product.

When you run 235 days a year, you only have so many bolts you can fire, marketing-wise. Sometimes a Wednesday in February can be a little dreary and it's tough to pump in the dollars to make that a go, but we saw an opportunity to make some big, high-splash visibility nights.

And the goal from the start was to make as big a splash as we could with those and try to grab the residual off that, because those are the kind of nights that justify pumping more marketing dollars into.

Those have been the linchpin. People have tuned in, who wouldn't have otherwise tuned in to Charles Town, and seen, "Hey, maybe this isn't so bad after all." Maybe they've come back here not only to simulcasts to bet us, but actually to the facility.

That really started last year with the inaugural running of the Charles Town Classic?

It started the year before with the Sprint Festival, which was in June, about two months after the current racing secretary, Randy Wehrman, and I got here. That was kind of the initial jump. Then the Charles Town Classic was kind of the big jumping off point.

Was the Charles Town Classic your idea?

I talked it over with both Randy and Chris McErlean, who is our PNG racing corporate (executive). Looking at the calendar, it just seemed like a good spot for a race. We're not under the impression that people aren't going to go to Dubai and are going to stay here for our race, but what else is on the calendar in the middle of April? We're still four or five weeks to the Pimlico Special-G1 and the Oaklawn Handicap-G2 has kind of taken a dip in the past few years, so we thought there's a chance there, and it looked like we were right last year. We'll see in the second running.

It helped that a local horse (Researcher, trained by longtime Charles Town horseman Jeff Runco) won. Or did that matter?

It mattered. That's one of the great story lines for any of these days. We're trying to promote as much as possible local horsemen, many of whom are very good horsemen that people just don't know about. They are trying to defend their turf against these vaunted big-name trainers who are coming in here, and they're doing a hell of a job at it.

The noise when Researcher took the lead at the top of the stretch – one of our stewards, Bobby Lotts, told me it was like somebody scored a touchdown in an NFL game. It's the kind of thing that makes the other days worthwhile, when you see stuff like that happening on track.

Do you think it made a difference for the future?

I don't think it helped or hurt. I'll put it this way. It made a difference as far as being able to attract people here to the viability of the race. It gave them the idea that they can compete, and we want them to compete.

We would absolutely love our guys to be running and be competitive. Between Jeff's horse and (James W. Casey-trained) Russell Road, who can't lose on this track, and some of the other ones, there's no reason why (2010) can't be the same.

Could you talk about some of your other marketing tactics?

A lot of it's just been grassroots, and basically public relations. Sending out press releases on a regular basis – dissemination of information. It's important.

Right now I'm working on a media guide – which we've never had. Assembling information. It will probably be just on-line, about 60 pages. But it's a start. We have a YouTube site. That was easy to get up and running. People can check out some of our bigger races over the last year or two. We've gotten a couple thousand views on it.

I think putting our racing on television (HRTV) was a pretty big deal. It was kind of a leap of faith, not the best economic time to go with the idea of ponying up money to be on television, not having a clear idea of how it was going to work out, but thinking it would be good. And it's turned out to be helpful.

How did the television deal evolve?

It evolved when we looked for television coverage of the first Sprint Festival, in 2008. HRTV was the one we discussed it with at the time, so it originated as a one-off, just a one-time production deal, where they do a studio show, and it evolved into that night being very successful and discussing a long-term thing. And it worked out; we've been thrilled with the coverage they've provided us.

We plan on doing the same thing this year – having them doing studio shows for all four of our event days.

Installation of high-definition TV monitors throughout the plant is another major step. I can't believe we haven't gotten more bang out of the HD TVs. I still see people referring to the three tracks that have HD as Churchill, Fair Grounds and Keeneland. There's four.

And you installed the HD televisions when?

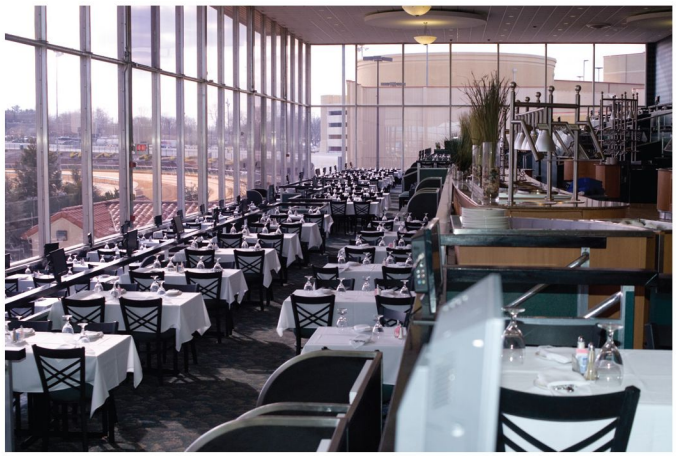
That went live the day before Thanksgiving, actually.

So it's very new.

Very new and we're still working out some of the bugs, but it's a huge experience for the fans. And that's money that's generated from the slots, again, almost a million dollars that's poured back into a capital improvement that goes to enhancing the fans' experience.

It's almost every TV in the facility?

Almost every single one. Every TV in the dining room is fully HD – you have a personal HD LCD monitor at your table. All the flat screens in the simulcast area are HD as well, and there are tentative



Charles Town is one of four race tracks in the country equipped with high definition television, putting it in a league with Churchill Downs, Keeneland and Fair Grounds. Each dining room table has its own HD LCD monitor.

plans to change out some of the tubes and make the entire facility HD.

How large are the flat screen TVs?

Our biggest ones are 62 or 60 inches. Not small.

So you are a techie?

I'm really not. But I think it goes along with being a sports fan. You want to watch HD once you've seen it–it's different, it's so much more crisp. The grainy little 9-inch TVs that we used to have on the tables here are not good.

How about relationships with horsemen? Do you feel like you've helped bring about improvements in that area?

The HBPA (Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association) put forth money for the table games campaign to take out ads in local papers. They worked with us as far as that goes.

It doesn't matter what track you're at, you're not going to be able to please every horseman. It's just not going to happen. Here it's no different. The problems may change from track to track.

But the horsemen have a lot to do with what makes racing so interesting on a day-to-day basis. The people are a big reason why I find this game and this industry so appealing. I like them.

It's natural for horsemen and track management to be on opposite sides on a lot of the issues.

I don't know about that. Maybe I'm too idealistic. I think we can work together with them. There's things that we want and they don't, and vice versa. But if there's a mutual respect, it can ease tension if nothing else.

The circumference of the track–is that still an issue?

No. That's part of the reason why we structured the purse for the Charles Town Classic the way we did last year (the race had a tiered purse structure based on an overall maximum value of $1 million, with richer rewards going to graded stakes performers). We weren't sure who was going to show up. And we didn't want to put up a million bucks and have a bunch of allowance horses running here for a million. We didn't know.

We've been kind of surprised at how the six-furlong track hasn't been as big of an issue. As one prominent trainer told me: "When you put up those numbers of zeros your track starts looking pretty big."

Researcher is one horse who totally debunks the myth about big horses running on a bull ring track. He is huge. He's massive. There won't be a handful of horses on the backstretch who are taller than he is. And he whips around here pretty good.

Every track has its nuances. That's just this one.

Do you ever see changing it?

We've built up around it so much that it's pretty tough. I know in previous years it was talked about, but I haven't even tried to dig up exactly what was talked about, because it's a dead issue at this point.

The hotel prevents us from going this way and the barn area prevents us from going that way.

How is the hotel doing? (Officially known as The Inn At Charles Town, it looms over the landscape between the race track and the main road through the town, Rte. 340.)

Good. It's 153 rooms, and it's nice. They did a great business during the summer. High occupancy.

Is it run by Penn National, or do you outsource the hotel operation?

It's all part of one company. We have our own director of hotel operations. It kind of helped stem the economic tide during the summer.

People stay there and go to the races and play the slots–just what they're supposed to do.

That's right–Charles Town Races & Slots. It works.

There was an old-time trainer in Maryland who used to tell stories about coming to Charles Town and living in a trailer. Her husband used to rent out the space under the trailer. It's a long way from that to the new hotel.

Oh, yeah. People try to tell me, "You guys are trying to brand racing there." I kind of chuckle, because it's really not. It's really a complete re-branding. People have an image of Charles Town that's been forged over the last 70 years. When you come here, it's a lot different from what the image is.

The indoor paddock–you never saw that.

I've seen pictures, but that's now the OK Corral slots area.

What's on your to-do list in the near future?

In the immediacy, I would love for the Charles Town Classic to be a graded race–in 2011. This track has been around for 76 years now, and I can't imagine another track that's run more races than this one without ever having run a graded race.

That's a big step up in terms of legitimizing ourselves and we can say, "Hey, we've taken steps to do this in a short period of time." Points-wise, with the (American) Graded Stakes Committee, our race is very comparable to some strong Grade 2s right now, so we'll see what happens in 2011. I'm not going to count my chickens. We'll see who comes here in four months. We may not be talking about it, but for a million bucks I certainly hope we can.

Charles Town has been essentially rebuilt over the last dozen years, with a new racing surface, outdoor paddock and greatly improved backstretch.

(Looking toward this year's Charles Town Classic): There's certainly one horse whom everybody wants; she's pretty good at a mile and an eighth, and they only run her on dirt.

There's certainly one horse whom everybody wants; she's pretty good at a mile and an eighth, and they only run her on dirt. There's no richer mile and an eighth race in the country than this one.

How about backstretch improvements?

We are in the process right now of renovating one of the barns. That should be done around February 1, and that's going to become the new receiving barn. There are some traffic issues that we think it will help with a little bit, moving the receiving barn to there. That will also open up the current receiving barn for 45 more stalls on the backstretch.

We could fill many more stalls than we have available, and having 45 more stalls isn't the answer, but it helps.

A lot of this was done before I got here. Over the last five or six years, millions of dollars were poured into the barn area. The training track. Several new barns were constructed. The catch pen. They redid the track several years ago; a ton of money was poured into that. I was never in the barn area when it was bad, but I've been told that compared to then it's night and day.

How many stalls do you have?

Roughly 1,350.

And how many barns?

Twenty.

So people use private training centers?

Yes. There are private barns across the street. A lot of trainers shuttle horses back and forth from farms. We pull from everywhere. Two-hundred and thirty-five days, you've got to pull from somewhere.

Obviously there are people who ship from Maryland and Virginia and other states.

So you don't have a hard time filling races.

No, we really don't. It's a good problem to have. Sometimes during the summer it can get a little dicey, but field size for 2009 was around 8.6 and when you consider we only have a 10-horse starting gate, some of those races would have 12, 13 or 14 starters if we didn't have a 10-horse gate. When you're batting at 85 percent occupancy in your gate, a lot of other tracks would like to have that problem, too.

That was an amazing thing about the stakes – how full the fields were and how they all stayed together. I don't know what deal with the devil we made to have that happen. We may have had four scratches all told from 12 stakes in 2009; one of them had two. Joey P. (aiming for a second consecutive win in the Dash) colicked and what are you going to do; the other was a Dale Romans horse who skipped and won a race on Summit of Speed Day at Calder.

And all of this has helped fuel the mutuel handle.

A lot of it is export handle. Live handle for the last three months is down. As you know, the weather hasn't been the best around here. So that's fairly easily attributable to that. Having our day-to-day race cards on HRTV had to help. That was not here during the comparable three months last year.

A lot of it again is exposure from big event days. There has to be a hook to get people interested to begin with. From that hook, are we grabbing some of the residual? I would like to think so. We see the national racing trend being down 9 or 10 points some months. When you talk about being up a few points in a month – a 12 or 13-point spread – now that can't just be from television. There has to be something else that you're doing right.

Interest in our export signal is growing. That's huge at a time when everywhere there is basically declining interest in the racing product.

We try to keep in mind that racing is supposed to be fun. That's something that gets lost in the shuffle sometimes. It's a business, but at its core this is a fun sport.

Ghost Ridge Farms

The Vision of Success

Photo by: Tony Leonard

Jump Start

#1 Sire in Pennsylvania

2nd Highest Nationally Ranked Sire in Mid-Atlantic Region
Earnings of $4,000,000 plus in 2009
Jump Start has sired 18 SWs and Earners of $11+ Million including 2009 Graded SWs RAIL TRIP
(Hollywood Gold Cup-G1 -110 Beyer), BOLD START, ASSESSMENT and G1 & G2 placed Copper State
For additional information contact Carl McEntee at 717-818-4821

2010 fee: $10,000

Honour and Glory

Sire of 102 Stakes Horses

18 in 2008 Worldwide
Sire of 23 Graded Stakes Winners
Over $48,000,000 Worldwide
Sire of 8 blacktype performers in 2009
including undefeated 2YO stakes winner NONEOFYOURBEESWAX
Leading Active Son of RELAUNCH
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2010 fee: $6,500

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Greatness

Progeny earnings over $1.5 million in 2008 & 2009

68% Repeat winners highest percentage in PA
Sire of '09 2yo Grand Times, a 4 length debut winner who earned a 94 Beyer Speed Figure & 2yo stakes-placed Jenny's So Great
Sire of a $53,000 2yo filly at the 2009 FT-Eastern Sale, purchased by Buzz Chace
Yearlings have sold for $80,000, $77,000, $48,000, etc.
2yo's have sold for $72,000, $60,000, $60,000, $55,000, $53,000, etc.
One of the last direct sons of Mr. Prospector to stud
For additional information contact Michelle Hemingway at 352-266-6352

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Smooth Jazz

SIRE OF 2008 MULTIPLE G2SW / G1-PLACED SMOOTH AIR

From two crops to race, SMOOTH JAZZ is sire of multiple Grade 2 stakes winner and Grade 1-placed SMOOTH AIR.
A multiple stakes performer at two, the colt won his 2008 sophomore debut scoring his first Graded victory in the Hutcheson S-G2.
SMOOTH AIR followed the Grade 2 win with a second-place finish in the Florida Derby-G1 to Kentucky Derby-Gland Preakness S-G1 winner BIG BROWN(G1)
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2010 fee: $3,500

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Additional stallions standing at Ghost Ridge Farms: *Alex's Pal, Dixie's Prodigy* and *Irish Road*
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A BLEAK DECEMBER MIXED SALE

Gross plummets 33.6 percent at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic auction held December 7 at Timonium

Nowhere within the Mid-Atlantic region has the downturn in the bloodstock market been felt more dramatically than at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale that took place on December 7 at Timonium.

The average ($4,593) marked a 26.9 percent decrease from 2008, and the median ($2,000) fell 33.3 percent.

The buy-back rate was 37.2 percent compared with 36.9 percent the previous year.

In all, 169 horses were reported as sold from 269 who went through the ring.

The gross ($776,300) plummeted 33.6 percent, the lowest for this sale since 1988, and the first time since 1991 that gross sales fell below $1 million.

Broodmares accounted for the bulk of the sale, with 95 sold for a total of $439,900 (average $4,630).

The sales-topper, at $95,000, was Crystal Bull, a 12-year-old stakes-producing daughter of Holy Bull offered in foal to Pollard's Vision, from the consignment of Rick and Dixie Abbott's Charlton bloodstock agent. Federico Barberino, agent, signed the ticket for the mare, who is out of stakes winner Water Crystals, by Crystal Water. Crystal Bull's 2009 2-year-old by Pollard's Vision is Italian stakes winner Air Crew.

The next-largest category was weanlings, with 51 selling for $278,400 (average $5,458).

The top-priced weanling is a Maryland-bred Two Punch colt out of Aunt Elaine (by Charis-

LEADING SIRES OF WEANLINGS BY GROSS

Closing Argument (3)	$48,700
Two Punch (1)	35,000
Rock Slide (1)	20,000
E Dubai (1)	15,000
Buddha (1)	14,500
Afleet Alex (1)	12,500
Touch Gold (1)	12,000
Chapel Royal (1)	10,000

LEADING BUYERS BY GROSS

Federico Barberino, agt. (1)	$95,000
Smart Angle Racing (3)	58,000
Daniel T. O'Ryan (6)	42,000
James W. Casey (7)	39,300
Country Life Farm, agt. (1)	38,000
West Point Thoroughbreds, Buzz Chace, agt. (1)	35,000
Patrick Hoppel (4)	31,900
Ed Price (5)	26,100
Carol Clapp (17)	25,100
Corner Farm, agt. (11)	24,200

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE, THREE OR MORE SOLD

Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agt. (14)	$11,571
Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (7)	8,657
Thomas J. Gallo III Sales Agency LLC, agt. (6)	5,733
Becky Davis Inc., agt. (6)	4,633
Becky Merkel, agt. (7)	4,557
Bill Reightler, agt. (36)	4,300
Dark Hollow, agt. (4)	4,175
Kelli Mitchell, agt. (6)	4,100
Track Seven Farm (James C. Bickett) (3)	3,867
Walnut Green, agt. (10)	3,730

LEADING CONSIGNORS BY GROSS

Charlton (Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abbott), agt. (14)	$162,000
Bill Reightler, agt. (36)	154,800
Marshall W. Silverman, agt. (7)	60,600
Sally Thomas, agt. (12)	43,800
Litz Bloodstock Services, agt. (11)	39,900
Walnut Green, agt. (10)	37,300
Thomas J. Gallo III Sales Agency LLC, agt. (6)	34,400
Becky Merkel, agt. (7)	31,900
Harry L. Landry Bloodstock, agt. (9)	30,700
Chanceland Farm, agt. (8)	28,900

TOP 10 SALES HORSES

$95,000 Crystal Bull, b.m., 1998, Holy Bull—Water Crystals, by Crystal Water (in foal to Pollard's Vision); Charlton, agent; Federico Barberino, Agent.

$38,000 Fifteen Moons, b.f., 2006, Malibu Moon—Prospective Joy, by Allen's Prospect; Bill Reightler, agent; Country Life Farm, agent.

$35,000 gr./ro.c., 2009, Two Punch—Aunt Elaine, by Charismatic; Buckingham Farm, Marshall W. Silverman, agent; West Point Thoroughbreds, Buzz Chace, agent.

$28,000 b.f., 2009, Closing Argument—First Class Donna, by Taylor's Special; Charlton, agent; Smart Angle Racing.

$20,000 Piccolo Honey, dk.b./br.m., 1999, Afternoon Deelites—Substitute Teacher, by Shelter Half; Kevin Patterson and Amy Albright, Bill Reightler, agent; Ollie L. Figgins III.

$20,000 dk.b./br.c., 2009, Rock Slide—Always Love, by Not For Love; Joseph Ludford, Litz Bloodstock Services, agent; Daniel T. O'Ryan.

$18,000 b.c., 2009, Closing Argument—O K to Love, by Not For Love; Cordelia Stables, Sally Thomas, agent; Smart Angle Racing.

$17,000 Arrested Lady, b.m., 2003, Thunder Gulch—Arrested Dreams, by Dehere (in foal to Purge); La Rain Farm, agent; John P. Tavana.

$15,000 Silvercity Lady, b.m., 2001, Silver Charm—Bent Creek City, by Carson City (in foal to Not For Love); Charlton, agent; Thornmar.

$15,000 Dorotto, ch.c., 2009, E Dubai—Missile Strike, by Golden Missile; Doreen Ottaviani, Becky Merkel, agent; Classic Bloodstock for New Day Racing.

matic). Purchased for $35,000 by West Point Thoroughbreds, with Buzz Chace as agent, the colt was consigned by Binnie Houghton's Buckingham Farm, with Marshall Silverman as agent, and is from a distinguished family developed over many years by Houghton and other members of her family. Aunt Elaine, out of graded winner Annie Cake, descends from the King's Bishop mare La Reine Rouge, granddam of Kentucky Derby/Preakness winner Barbaro.

Eleven yearlings generated total sales of $21,600 (average $1,963).

Six 2-year-olds were sold for a total of $14,900 (average $2,483).

And six horses of racing age brought $21,500 (average $3,583).

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YEAR-BY-YEAR FIGURES FOR FASIG-TIPTON DECEMBER MIXED SALE SINCE ITS INAUGURAL IN 1984

Year	*# sold*	*average*	*gross*	*RNAs*	*top price*	
2009	169	$ 4,593	$ 776,300	37%	$95,000	brm. Crystal Bull (by Holy Bull), in foal to Pollard's Vision
2008	186	6,287	1,169,400	37%	$65,000	brm. Colonial Ball (by Pleasant Colony), in foal to Henny Hughes
2007	287	7,166	2,056,500	39%	$62,000	wlg.c. by Golden Missile
2006	338	7,924	2,678,300	34%	$95,000	wlg.c. by Tapit
						wlg.c. by Two Punch
2005	375	9,328	3,497,900	32%	$140,000	brm. Your Out (by Allen's Prospect), in foal to Lion Hearted
2004	363	10,640	3,862,300	21%	$160,000	wlg.c. by Malibu Moon
2003	360	7,506	2,702,300	22%	$150,000	wlg.f. by Malibu Moon
2002	378	6,557	2,478,600	30%	$103,000	wlg.f. by Silver Charm
2001	448	7,881	3,530,500	23%	$100,000	wlg.f. by Citidancer
2000	566	7,625	4,315,700	20%	$142,000	brm. Poised to Pounce (by Smarten), in foal to Polish Numbers
1999	483	11,198	5,408,700	16%	$240,000	wlg.c. by Boston Harbor
1998	437	8,423	3,680,700	15%	$120,000	brm. Final Deputy (by Deputy Minister), in foal to Two Punch
1997	428	6,273	2,685,000	18%	$75,000	brm. Truth and Beauty (by Private Terms), in foal to Two Punch
1996	391	5,831	2,280,100	14%	$65,000	brm. Lady Bering (by Lord Gaylord), in foal to Not For Love
1995	364	4,266	1,552,900	17%	$29,000	wlg.f. by Caveat
1994	346	4,688	1,621,900	14%	$33,000	wlg.f. by Star de Naskra
1993	403	5,181	2,088,100	9%	$55,000	brm. House of Love (by Deputy Minister), in foal to Carson City
1992	418	3,392	1,417,800	16%	$40,000	brm. Habar (by Track Barron), in foal to Carnivalay
1991	285	3,467	988,200	17%	$75,000	wlg.c. by Pleasant Colony
1990	226	4,075	921,100	22%	$31,000	wlg.f. by Relaunch
1989	255	4,012	1,023,000	32%	$40,000	brm. Stachys (by Northern Jove), in foal to Waquoit
1988	242	2,432	588,600	11%	$52,000	brm. Spring Social (by Spring Double), in foal to Golden Act
1987	363	2,580	936,400	15%	$40,000	brm. Wonder Mar (by Fire Dancer), in foal to El Baba
1986	333	2,744	913,800	25%	$25,000	(2) brm. Tweal (by In Reality), in foal to Gregorian; ylg.f. by Gregorian
1985	228	2,892	659,400	24%	$31,000	brm. Chris' Venture (by *Hawaii), in foal to It's Freezing
1984	154	4,920	757,700	30%	$50,000	3-y-o.f. Little Fuzzy (by Turn and Count)

Prices and statistics for 1995 are exclusive of Cohen dispersal.

Blood type incompatibility puts foals at serious risk

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Neonatal isoerythrolysis (NI) is caused by an incompatibility of blood types between a mare and her foal. If a foal inherits from its sire a red cell factor (antigen) that the mare lacks, the mare may develop antibodies to that antigen.

There is no harm to the foal in utero, as there is no commingling of the mare's blood with that of the fetus. However, these antibodies will be present in the mare's colostrum and will be ingested by the newborn foal. Following transfer across the foal's intestinal mucosa and entry into its bloodstream, the antibodies will attach to the foal's red blood cells and cause their destruction, resulting in a jaundiced foal and in severe cases, death, unless quickly diagnosed and treated.

How mares become sensitized to red cell antigens they don't possess is a mystery, but transplacental hemorrhage or exposure to the foal's red cells during parturition have been suggested as possible mechanisms. A mare's first foal is seldom affected, but subsequent foals carrying the offending antigen will be at risk.

Horses have complicated blood types, consisting of 30 or more factors (antigens) that are grouped into systems (A, C, D, K, P, Q and U). Factors within each system are designated with small letters. The factors most commonly associated with NI are Aa and Qa. Mares that are negative for these factors are the ones most at risk for developing anti-red cell antibodies.

Approximately 19 percent of Thoroughbred mares are negative for the Aa or Qa antigens, and 17 percent of Standardbred mares are negative for Aa (Qa being extremely rare in Standardbreds). The relative frequency of these antigens in a breed determines the risk of a mating producing an NI foal. For example, only 3 percent of Thoroughbred mares might be negative for Aa, but since most Thoroughbred stallions are positive for Aa, the risk is greater that an incompatibility will occur.

Managing mares that are at risk for producing an NI foal consists of screening these mares for anti-red cell antibodies within the last 30 days of pregnancy or after udder development has begun. Sera from mares are tested against a panel of blood types to determine the specificity and concentration of any antibodies that are present. While it has been standard practice to withhold foals only from mares with a titer of 1:16 or greater, some practitioners believe that any positive result, regardless of strength or specificity, is sufficient cause to withhold the foal from nursing. This is because in some cases, a low prepartum titer to a red cell antigen may increase significantly just prior to foaling.

If an anti-red cell antibody is found in the mare, the foal should not be allowed to nurse the dam and should be given banked colostrum; the dam's colostrum should be stripped out over a 24-hour period before allowing the foal to nurse.

In a mare with a history of producing an NI foal, either all subsequent foals should be withheld from nursing the mare for 24 hours, as explained above, or the mare should be bred only to stallions that do not possess the red cell antigen to which she is sensitized.

Since DNA typing has widely replaced blood typing for identification and parentage purposes in the last 15 years, the number of laboratories offering blood typing and antibody screening services has diminished.

Some large veterinary clinics offer NI testing and red cell typing for the most common antigens involved in incompatibilities.

The University of Kentucky Animal Genetic Testing and Research Laboratory is the last major facility offering full blood typing and screening services (www.ca.uky.edu/gluck/ServEPVL.asp).

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SUCCESS STORIES REMAIN PLENTIFUL AT LAUREL PARK

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Scott **Lake** and **Erick Rodriguez** took the trainer's and jockey's titles at the Laurel Park fall meet, which concluded on December 18.

Lake won 25 races during the 15-week stand which began on September 12, three more than runner-up Dale Capuano. Since 2006, the Lake barn has captured 12 of the 16 meets conducted at Laurel and Pimlico. Overall, the 44-year-old conditioner has 18 training titles at the major Maryland tracks this decade.

Rodriguez captured the riding title by winning 53 races, 14 more than apprentice Joshua Navarro. The 29-year-old tied a career-high by winning four races on both October 31 and December 9. A top 10 rider in Maryland since 2003, Rodriguez had 15 multiple win days during the meet and won at a 27.2 percent rate.

Lake and **Luis Garcia** captured year-round titles in the state. Lake runners won 89 races at Laurel and Pimlico, while Garcia reached the winner's circle 84 times.

A blizzard forced the **cancellation of racing** on what would have been the meet's final day, December 19, and led to the postponement of the day's featured event, the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes. The race, rescheduled for January 1, had "juvenile" dropped from its name since its conditions changed as the juvenile fillies turned 3 for the new year. *For stakes writeups on the two Maryland-bred Championships stakes, see page 3 of* The Maryland Horse *newsletter.*

Heavenstmurgatroid, a Maryland-bred son of first-year sire Fantasticat, had a productive juvenile campaign for owner/trainer Ferris Allen, who purchased him for $11,000 at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearling sale.

Winning four of his eight starts, the bay colt earned $59,231. Bred by David DiPietro and Herbert May, Heavenstmurgatroid won two in a row in December, stepping up to allowance company for a four and a quarter-length score on December 17.

"I bought him as a yearling for myself and have been trying to sell him since the day I bought him; I loved him from the beginning," Allen said. "Because he's my own, I've been able to be more aggressive with him than maybe I would have if he was an owner's horse. He's a pretty cool horse. For a 2-year-old to win four times, it doesn't happen very often."

Out of the Norquestor mare Sally Q, Heavenstmurgatroid got his name from a catchphrase – "Heavens to Murgatroid!" – used by the cartoon character Snagglepuss on *The Yogi Bear Show* in the 1960s. Allen said, "I wanted to name him 'Exit Stage Left' (another of the character's lines), but The Jockey Club wouldn't take it. I had to leave one letter out of his name; the people who get it have a lot of fun with it. Somebody told me Red Skelton said it too."

The venerable **Ah Day** clicked another victory for trainer King Leatherbury's The Jim Stable when the homebred skimmed the rail under Sheldon Russell to take a tough allowance race on December 18. Ah Day nailed Understatement by a neck in the $40,000 feature, completing the mile and a sixteenth in 1:44.30.

A Maryland-bred son of Malibu Moon, Ah Day concluded his 6-year-old campaign with his 14th career victory, snapping a three-race losing streak in the process. After two years of limited activity while recovering from various injuries, Ah Day made 11 starts in 2009, all but two in stakes company, and won four times, including two stakes – the Grade 3 Toboggan Handicap at Aqueduct and Colonial Downs's Chesapeake Stakes. His most recent score, in his 34th start, pushed his career earnings total to $865,074.

Hard-hitting **Swear Allegiance** earned her eighth career victory when sweeping a $4,500 claimer on December 2. Owned by Black & Tan Stable and trained by Damon Dilodovico, the Maryland-bred mare hit the winner's circle for the fourth time in 2009 with an easy spin. The daughter of Swear by Dixie finished seven furlongs in 1:27.07 over sloppy going.

Last year at 5, Swear Allegiance dabbled in the allowance ranks for most of the winter and spring in Maryland, then dropped to the $4,000 level when shipped to Penn National in May. She's won four out of six starts since the drop; her only off the board finish came in the Maryland Million Distaff Starter Handicap, a race she won in 2008.

Maryland-bred **True Zip** took a maiden special weight for High Five Stable and trainer Graham Motion on December 3. The daughter of City Zip made her debut as a 3-year-old last June, and had put together decent runs, ranging from second to fifth, in six tries. Under Kendrick Carmouche, she led throughout, digging in tenaciously in the one-mile race to get the victory by a neck as the 3-5 favorite.

True Zip is the first foal out of the three-time stakes winner True Sensation (by Itaka), who won the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship, Twixt and All Brandy Stakes, earning $308,486 in her career.

Marathon specialist **Lord Kipling** shortened to a mile and a sixteenth to record his 10th career victory on December 3. Owned by Ben Mondello and trained by Scott Lake, he wired the field of competitive allowance runners. Preakness starter Tone It Down finished a length behind in second, with stakes winner Sumo four lengths farther back in third. Lord Kipling finished the distance in 1:45.26 over the good track.

The son of Kipling won five races as a 6-year-old in 2009. He scored going two miles at Saratoga, a race from which he was claimed by his current connections for $35,000. Other route wins came at a mile and five-eighths at Aqueduct in March and a mile and a half on the turf in July at Philadelphia Park.

Former steeplechase jockey Cyril Murphy enjoyed a productive fall meet, sending out two winners from his small stable. Jocelynn Morgan's **Zapatista** broke his maiden on December 3. The son of Zavata finished third in his career debut as a 3-year-old in November and returned to win in his second start. Under Jonathan Joyce, Zapatista tracked the leaders before winning by a neck.

The bay gelding exited the winner's circle with a new owner and trainer, Dale Capuano having haltered him on behalf of Neil Glasser for $20,000.

Murphy picked up another win on December 18 when Redmond Finney's homebred **Bold Crossing** upset a maiden claimer. The Maryland-bred daughter of Polish Miner, one of eight 3-year-old fillies in the 10-horse field, closed from ninth to win by three lengths under Jonathan Joyce. Bold Crossing, a half-sister to Maryland-bred champion Saratoga Games, paid $46.40.

"They were two winners that weren't expected to win.

IMPECCABLY BRED SON OF DANZIG

Alix Coleman

RIMROD

DANZIG—ANNIE EDGE (Ire), by Nebbiolo

Multiple Stakes Winner

Won one-mile Stardom Stakes at 2, beating Group SWs—broke his maiden by 3½ lengths at the expense of European champion sprinter OASIS DREAM—defeated classic G1SW INDIAN HAVEN in Group 1 company. At 3, won Epsom's seven-furlong Vodafone Surrey S—placed in Ascot's Jersey S-G3 defeating European champion sprinter SOMNUS and champion TANTE ROSE, only a nose behind G1SW MOUNT ABU in Group 1 company.

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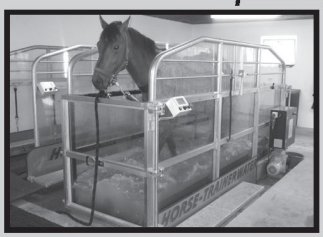

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[Zapatista] was favored when he won, but three weeks beforehand he was a longshot and finished third," Murphy said. "The filly had worked with him, so I knew where I needed to put her to be competitive."

An Irish native, Murphy worked for Sir Mark Prescott and Nicky Henderson in England before coming to the U.S., where he found employment with Jonathan Sheppard and Tom Voss. He began riding for Voss in 2000. A highlight of his riding career was winning the 2002 Breeders' Cup Steeplechase aboard Quel Senor (Fr).

Based at Finney's farm, Murphy trains a small string that he hopes will grow.

"We've been working away at it all year; it was nice to get two of them to run the way they did and get the results we'd been hoping for," Murphy said. "It's something I've always wanted to do; I've been fortunate to work for good trainers and I figured after being here and there, it was about time I tried to put into practice what I learned and create my own recipe. So far, things are going well. It's hard work and I'm hoping we can pick up some more owners."

Valora Testerman and Equivine produced an allowance winner on December 3 when **Rhyme N Rhythm** humbled six foes, scoring by five and a half lengths under Harry Vega. The daughter of Yonaguska cleared the field and easily held off 42-1 shot Dancin Diane.

A $30,000 purchase at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale, Rhyme N Rhythm improved her career record to two wins (plus two seconds and two thirds) from eight starts, all at age 3, while competing at Laurel, Delaware Park and Penn National.

Jack Jordan Racing LLC's **Shamss** continued to grind out paychecks as a 6-year-old. The son of Exploit earned his 13th

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14% stakes horses/starters

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Racing against the top sprinters of his day, **POWER BY FAR** earned $544,335 and ran 100+ Beyers 13 times.

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PRINCE JOSEPH

Harry the Hat—Barcar, by Carnivalay

MULTIPLE STAKES WINNER OF $155,732

Prince Joseph broke his maiden by 6½ lengths in a maiden special weight, and immediately followed up with a 7½-length allowance win. In his next five starts he won the **PEPPY ADDY S, IROQUOIS H, LIL E. TEE S,** placed second in the Danzig S and third in the Larry R. Riviello President's Cup. From the family of G3 winner **TABAYOUR**.

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career victory – and his fifth win from a dozen 2009 starts – with his starter allowance victory on December 5. Trained by William Campbell and ridden by Travis Dunkelberger, Shamss rallied from fifth to win by a length and a half and increase his 2009 earnings total to $78,880.

Paul McClelland ventured into Laurel from his Delaware Park base and exited with a juvenile winner when Happy Hour Stable's **Secret Infatuation** upset a five and a half-furlong maiden special weight on December 9. The Maryland-bred son of Not For Love dominated his four rivals, all first-time starters, drawing off to win by two and a half lengths. Bred by Jack Queen and ridden by Ricky Frazier, the winner finished in 1:05.23.

With one start – a drubbing at Charles Town – under his belt, Secret Infatuation took it to his less experienced rivals and returned a healthy $21.80 as the longest shot on the board.

Miner Mistake continued to build his improbable lifetime record when he took a $25,000 claimer on December 12. The Maryland-bred son of Polish Miner, now 6, won for the second time in his career and first time for trainer Damon Dilodovico.

Owned by Lindy Clark, Miner Mistake made his career debut in 2006, finishing fifth. He started two months later, again finishing fifth. It took more than two and a half years before he returned to wallop maiden claimers in May. He didn't start again until his December win. On the raise to $25,000 (from $7,000 claiming), Miner Mistake cruised home by two and a quarter lengths. Clinton Potts was aboard for the win, traveling five and a half furlongs in 1:04.49.

Trainer Crystal Pickett upset a $20,000 maiden claimer for 2-year-olds with Karl Johnson's **Harvath** on December 17. Making his first start, the $3,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic 2-year-olds in training sale purchase rallied from fourth in a field of five to score by two and a half lengths. Apprentice rider Joshua Navarro guided the son of Desert Warrior.

Trainer J.W. Delozier caused jaws to drop on what turned out to be the final day of the meet, December 18, when celebrating a maiden claiming victory with his own **Brookstein**, who scored at 130-1. The gelding returned $262.80 for a $2 win ticket and topped a $1,018 exacta.

The son of Bernstein made three starts last year at 3. He was eased in his debut in May, and finished eighth for a $7,500 tag at Laurel one month before his stunning score while in for $10,500. He rallied from last under Jonathan Joyce to win by a length and a half. ✹

PHILADELPHIA PARK UNVEILS NEW PARX CASINO

LINDA DOUGHERTY

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Victory Thoroughbreds's ex-claimer Cherokee Country came back to win the Valley Forge Stakes just 12 days after a graded score at Aqueduct.

Right on schedule, Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment opened its new **Parx Casino** on December 18. The opening was preceded by a shutdown of live racing for four days so that slot machines housed in the grandstand could be moved to the new building.

Parx, constructed at a cost of $250 million and occupying 260,000 square feet, offers 3,100 slot machines, plus dining venues, a sports bar and a stage for live entertainment. Much of the casino's interior has features built of exotic teak wood and marble from Pakistan.

While Greenwood Gaming has pledged to turn the grandstand back into a horse racing facility by mid-2010, it already has revealed plans to create a 100-table card room – larger than found in many Atlantic City casinos – on the grandstand's third floor.

Although live racing resumed on December 18, the track cancelled four additional cards – December 19 to 22 – because of a 23-inch snowstorm that blanketed Bucks County on December 19. It was not until December 26 that the starting bell rang again.

Trainer **Phil Aristone** said he was shocked when Philadelphia Park's director of racing, Sal Sinatra, called him into his office in late October to let him know that he was only eight wins away from recording his 1,000th winner.

"I had no idea I had saddled that many winners," said Aristone, 57, a native of Merchantville, N.J. "Throughout my career, I've never really carried more than 10 to 12 horses at one time, so that's why reaching such a milestone was never on my radar screen."

Aristone celebrated his 1,000th win on December 8 when Delta Miner captured the 10th race under jockey Victor Molina. The horse is owned by Indian Mills Stock Farm, the 300-acre Burlington County, N.J., facility established by Aristone's father, Roland Aristone, in 1964.

"It really was quite fitting that an Indian Mills Stock Farm horse won this race," said Aristone. "And Ben Perkins Jr. got in the winner's circle photo – I worked for him in the early 1970s before going out on my own."

The Aristone family became well-known among New Jersey racegoers in the 1970s through the exploits of Bombay Duck, a colt trained by Ben Perkins Sr. The stakes-winning son of Nashua recorded the then fastest six furlongs in Kentucky Derby history during the 1975 running.

Phil Aristone's brother, Menotti Aristone, was aboard Bombay Duck that day. Menotti Aristone had a long career in the saddle, primarily on the Garden State Park/Atlantic City/Monmouth Park circuit.

Roland Aristone died last summer, and Menotti is now retired, spending his time at his home in Italy as well as

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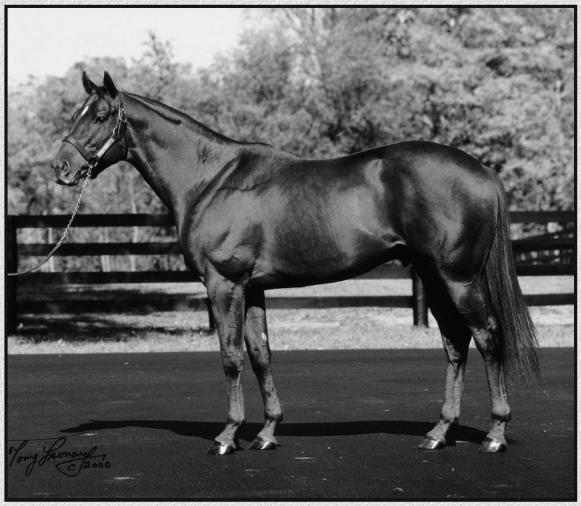

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(Crafty Prospector-Companionship, by Princely Native)

- Sire of multiple Graded stakes winner **FRIENDLY ISLAND** ($1,369,714). Also ran second in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) and Dubai Golden Shaheen (G1).
- Sire of 2008 Champion 2yo colt **CHRISTMAS FRIEND** and 2008 Frank E. Kilroe Mile H. (G1) winner **EVER A FRIEND** ($440,768).
- Sire of three 2009 stakes horses, including 2009 stakes winner **SAVETHEBESTFORLASS** ($268,470).
- Also sire of stakes winners **WHY OH WHY** ($224,404), **JAGUAR FRIEND** ($148,774), and Haskell Inv. H. (G1) runner-up My Snookie's Boy ($410,183).
- Sire of 14 stakes horses, and the earners of nearly $10-million.

Fee: $2,500

DEFRERE

(Deputy Minister-Sister Dot, by Secretariat)

- New Jersey's Leading Sire with lifetime progeny earnings over $20.8-million.
- Sire of 2009 stakes horse **OPEN SKIES** ($182,047), also won the Spruce Fir H. in 2008.
- Sire of 35 stakes horses (11% blacktype horses from starters), average earnings per starter an impressive $67,070.
- Also sire of Graded stakes winners **LILAH** ($510,248), **SISTER FIONA** ($142,997), and SW's **LE MARS GIRL** ($3,881,187), **SOURIS** ($692,766), **MY THREE SISTERS** ($321,419), **PRETTY IMPOSING** ($276,338), **DEFRERE'S VENTURE** ($223,181), **CARROTS ONLY** ($367,143), etc.

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at Indian Mills, which is the site of several family homes. Bombay Duck made his stud career at the farm, and is buried there.

Currently, Aristone has about 30 horses in his barn, an operation overseen by his assistant, Manny Mendez, who has been with him since 1979. A large portion of Aristone's horses are owned by Joseph Asbell, a retired lawyer from Collingswood, N.J.

While Aristone describes himself as primarily a claiming trainer, some of the better horses he has conditioned recently include Indian Mills's Speechifying, named 2007 Horse of the Year by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association after her victory in the $250,000 My Juliet Stakes at Philadelphia Park; and Count the Gold, who was second in the $100,000 Power by Far Stakes this season and placed in two stakes in 2008 for owner/breeder Dian Goss.

In reflecting on his 30 years as a trainer, Aristone said, "Throughout my whole career, I have tried to be honest with my owners. I think being truthful and honest has really served me well, and helped me develop long-lasting relationships with a lot of people."

Just 12 days after winning the $100,000 Fall Highweight Handicap-G3 at Aqueduct, Victory Thoroughbreds LLC's **Cherokee Country** rattled off an impressive score in the $75,000 Valley Forge Stakes at Philadelphia Park on December 8.

Under jockey Jose Lezcano, the now 6-year-old son of Yonaguska came from off the pace in the six-furlong contest to run down leader Saratoga Russell and draw clear to a two and a half-length win in a swift 1:09.43.

Trained by Ramon Preciado, Cherokee Country was a $12,500 claim by Victory Thoroughbreds on November 18, 2006, out of his second start. Since then he has won 11 times and earned more than $450,000.

In addition to the Fall Highweight and Valley Forge, Cherokee Country won the Rumson and Anderson Fowler Stakes at Monmouth Park, as well as the Oh Say Stakes at Delaware Park, in 2007. Injuries forced him to the sidelines for all of 2008, but his record in 2009 was stellar: five wins and four thirds from 11 starts. He set a new track record at Philadelphia Park on September 7, running six and a half furlongs in 1:14.39, breaking an 11-year-old mark.

Victory Thoroughbreds, a limited liability company that races, buys, claims, sells and breeds, is headed by Lou Cacchio. Preciado has been Victory's trainer for the last several years.

"Ramon is the key to our success," said Cacchio, who formed Victory Thoroughbreds after spending 30 years in the food brokerage business. "We kind of grew together, and there is a lot of honesty and communication between us. Talking to him every day has really been the key."

Returning to the racing wars after a vacation of more than three months, **Missunitednations** found the winner's circle in fine fashion, zipping seven furlongs in 1:22.68 in an allowance/optional claiming event on December 18.

Under jockey Frankie Pennington, the now 4-year-old daughter of Peace Rules broke slowly, but rushed up and battled for the lead nearly the entire distance, eventually kicking clear to a four and a quarter-length victory for owner Wellesley Stable and trainer Robert E. (Butch) Reid Jr.

Last summer, Missunitednations finished third in the Grade 2 Delaware Oaks won by Careless Jewel, but was then unplaced in both the Monmouth Oaks-G3 and Riskaverse Stakes, the latter in Saratoga. From 11 lifetime starts, she

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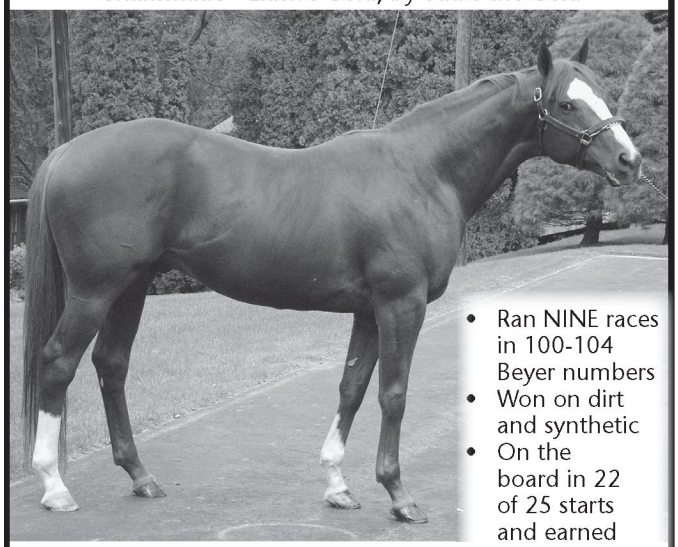

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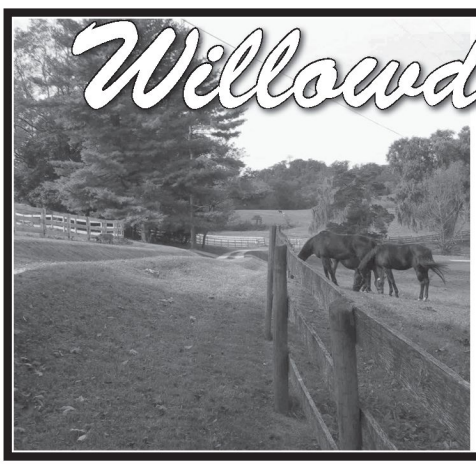

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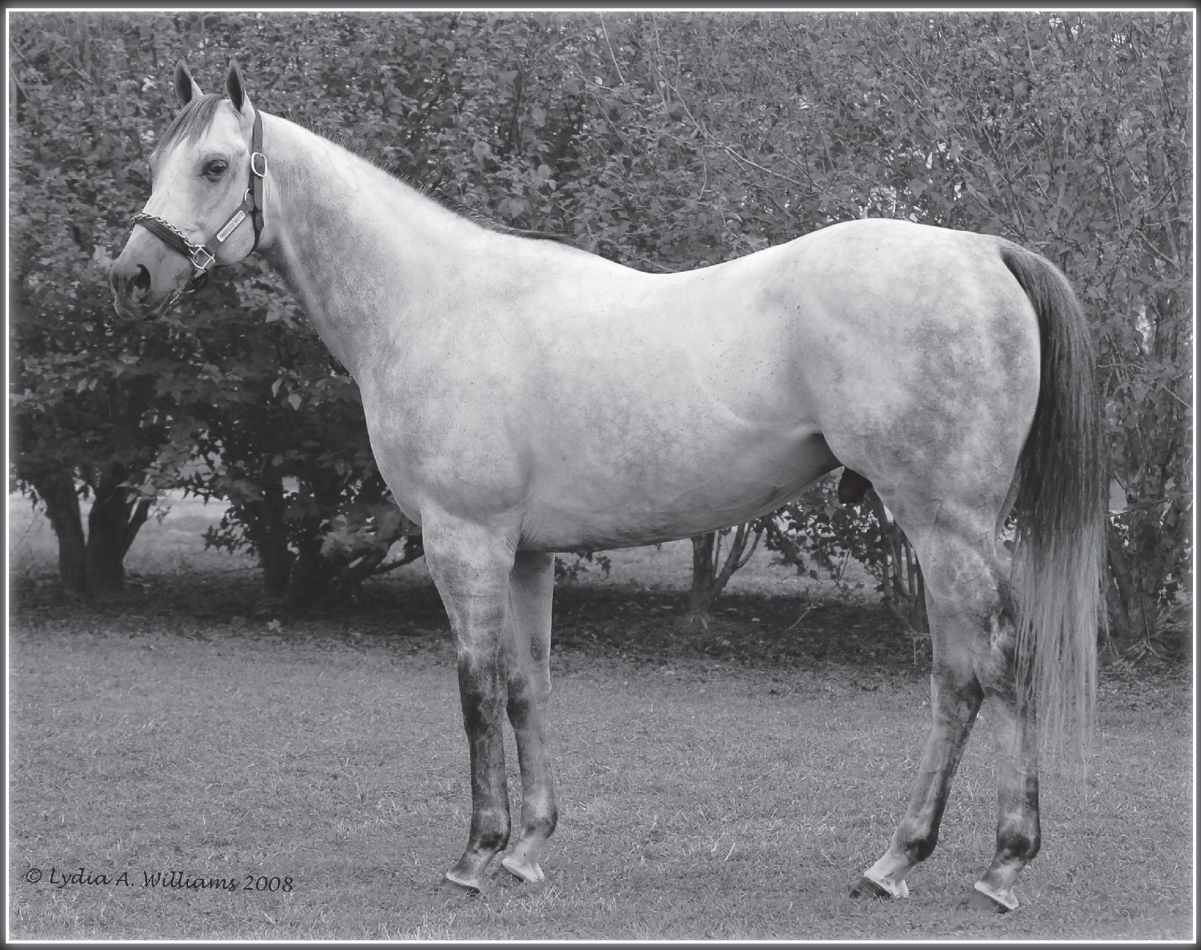

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has won four times and earned $178,951.

Since sending a contingent of horses from his California base to Philadelphia Park in early November, trainer Doug O'Neill has been finding the winner's circle with regularity. Through racing of December 26, O'Neill won eight times (29 percent) from 24 starts, and placed an additional seven times, for an in-the-money rate of nearly 60 percent.

The trainers' race at Philadelphia was a close contest right down to the last week of the year, but as 2009 concluded, **Edward K. Auwarter**, who took over the training duties for the Jayne Vaders barn in the spring, prevailed with 75 wins through December 29. Second was Scott Lake, who won 68 races, and Ramon Preciado was third with 62.

Kendrick Carmouche held a wide lead, 175 to 145, over former leading rider Frankie Pennington, and Roberto Alvarado Jr. was third with 113 wins. Carmouche's mounts earned more than $4.7 million during the year.

PENN NATIONAL MOVES TO CUT RACING DAYS IN 2010

LINDA DOUGHERTY

Penn National intends to reduce its number of **live racing dates** to 200 in 2010–27 fewer days than were run in 2009.

The Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission granted approval for the reduction after giving its go-ahead earlier in the fall for the statutory minimum of 227 days.

The change is based on a projected decrease in slot machine revenue earmarked for racing in 2010.

In October, lawmakers reduced the percentage of slot machine revenue for the horse racing industry from 12 percent to 10 percent, a move that will affect purses at all state race tracks as well as the Pennsylvania breeding fund.

Penn National management has said that the dates reduction, as well as four-day-a-week racing, will help maintain the current purse distribution of approximately $179,000 per day.

The Racing Commission also approved Penn National's request to change its first post time from 6:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Maggi Moss's **All County** drew off to a three-length victory in an allowance race the night of December 9, her third win as a 2-year-old.

The daughter of 2009 freshman sire Medallist stalked the pace along the inside through the first half mile of the six-furlong contest, then was taken off the rail by jockey Dana Whitney and ran down leader High Five Gal in midstretch to draw off for the score.

The time over a sloppy surface was 1:11.25.

All County, trained by Stephanie Beattie, was bred in Kentucky by KatieRich Stables, Christopher G. Connors and Don Weisberg.

Her record stands at seven starts, three wins, one second and two thirds, and earnings of $54,590.

Moss claimed All County out of her only unplaced effort–for $25,000 at Arlington Park on July 22–and turned her over to trainer Tom Amoss. In her first start for Amoss, she broke her maiden for the same price tag at Arlington on August 13; by November she was transferred to Beattie at Penn National.

It was an exciting dash to the finish, but in the end Adam Winn Stable's **Robynthekoop** outlasted Bluebird Quartet to win a six-furlong allowance on December 8 under jockey Peter Sosa Jr.

Coming off a winning effort at Penn National on November 11, Robynthekoop showed she was still sharp as she settled back in fifth position through the first quarter mile, moved up along the inside to press the pace, then came within striking distance of leader Bluebird Quartet in midstretch before wearing down that rival in the final stride for the neck victory in 1:10.55 over a fast track.

The daughter of Pure Precision collected $25,920 for her efforts to wrap up her 3-year-old season with a record of 9-3-2-2 for earnings of $78,392. She is trained by Thomas Lingenfelter and was bred in Pennsylvania by Patrick Wall.

In January 2009, **Lobo Del Norte** shipped to Philadelphia Park for his second career start, and his first as a 3-year-old. Sent off as the favorite in a $12,500 maiden claiming event, the son of Petionville blew away his competition by five and a half lengths, and in the process was haltered by trainer Ramon Preciado on behalf of owner Victory Thoroughbreds LLC.

In his first start for his new connections, Lobo Del Norte stepped out in a starter allowance at Philadelphia Park and earned a hard-fought win at odds of 26-1. Throughout last season, he proved to be well worth his initial price tag.

On dirt and on turf, the gelding was a consistent check-getter, completing the year with a half-length victory in an allowance event at Penn National on December 21, battling down the stretch in the six-furlong contest to defeat favored Top Seed and earn $24,000.

It was his sixth win from 13 starts, and he has total earnings of $134,617, all but $13,800 made for Victory Thoroughbreds.

Headed by Bensalem, Pa., resident Lou Cacchio, Victory Thoroughbreds enjoyed an overall rewarding season in 2009. From 94 starts (through December 15), its runners visited the winner's circle 26 times (28 percent), and had 12 placings and 12 showings, for an in-the-money rate of 53 percent.

The stable earned a total of $848,939, for average earnings per start of $9,031. It was the third year in the row that Victory has maintained high percentages and purse earnings.

On Lobo Del Norte, Cacchio said, "We claimed him out of his second race because he ran well the first time out, even on an off-track, and I liked his breeding. Being by Petionville out of a Kris S. mare, it looked like he was bred to be versatile, dirt or turf, short or long, but it looks like he's better staying short so far. He has been a very good performer for us, that's for sure."

Sylvia's Forte, off for two months, came back razor sharp on December 22, as he captured an exciting six-furlong allowance by a nose over an onrushing Royal Jin.

The son of Mazel Trick, a 3-year-old facing older Pennsylvania-bred rivals, stalked the pace set by Teenage Distress from the two-path until the turn, then edged closer to the lead under jockey Oliver Castillo. Turning for home, he

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Leading the way among NOT FOR LOVE's 2009 runners were the graded stars NOT FOR SILVER, winner of the 6 fur. Gr. 2 Carry Back S., and BLIND DATE, the darling on the Colonial turf in the Gr. 3 Virginia Oaks.

NOT FOR LOVE got his most recent stakes winner on Dec. 27 at Charles Town as STOWE WHITE was determined to get to the line first in the $50,000 Eleanor M. Casey Memorial S. for 2-year-old fillies. The dark bay had been knocking on the door in her other two starts in stakes company, having finished second to the multiple stakes-winning gelding Son of a Bear in the Tri-State Futurity and third against fillies on West Virginia Breeders Classics night.

By defeating odds-on choice Down Town Allen, STOWE WHITE has hit the board in six of her seven starts and boosted her earnings to $85,697 for owner David Raim and trainer Jeff Runco. The filly was bred in West Virginia by Hector Alcalde.

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By leading sire **DEVIL HIS DUE,** he is out of a winning daughter of champion **AFLEET**. **This Fleet Is Due** is half-brother to G3 winner **CATBOAT** ($221,659) and **Betty Garr**, from the family of track record-setter **NORTHERN WOLF.**

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16.1 H., 1998, DEVIL HIS DUE—NORTHERN FLEET, BY AFLEET

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engaged in a lively battle with Teenage Distress to the wire, and had just enough left to hold off Royal Jin, who launched a big move from the back of the seven-horse field to just miss. The final time was 1:11.87.

Owned and bred by Lydee Shea, and trained by her husband Tim, Sylvia's Forte began his career competing in maiden claiming events, but then stepped up his game to place third (at 48-1) in the $100,000 Power by Far Stakes at Penn National on May 29 while still a maiden. He did not find the winner's circle until two starts after the Power by Far, in a maiden special weight at Penn on July 2, and went winless in five subsequent races prior to his allowance victory on December 22.

Sylvia's Forte now has a career record of two wins from 12 starts, and $68,805 in earnings.

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As the year came to a close at the Grantville oval, **Stephanie Beattie** held a wide advantage over Darrel Delahoussaye in the trainers' race, 111 to 77. Murray Rojas, who wore the training crown two years ago, and Tim Kreiser were locked in a tie for third with 64 wins apiece.

Beattie's runners made 505 starts at Penn National during 2009, and in addition to her 111 victories (22 percent) she had 107 seconds and 63 thirds (a 56 percent in-the-money rate), with purse earnings of $1,827,120.

The big horse in Beattie's barn in 2009 was **No Advantage**, a Kentucky-bred son of Posse owned by Suarez Racing Inc.

In nine starts from January through December in his 4-year-old season, No Advantage was game and consistent, winning six times and placing twice. Among his victories were the Grade 3 William Donald Schaefer Handicap at Pimlico on Preakness Day and the Wild and Wonderful Stakes at Charles Town on June 20.

After the Wild and Wonderful, No Advantage had a nearly six-month vacation, but came back ready to roll as he sped to a one and a half-length victory in a six-furlong allowance at Penn National on December 15, launching a three-wide rally in deep stretch to roar past the classy Celtic Innis and stop the teletimer in 1:11.10.

No Advantage earned $227,620 in 2009, boosting his career earnings to $251,760. In 2008, he was third in the Grade 3 Kentucky Cup Sprint Stakes.

The race for leading rider was dominated by **William P. Otero**, with 176 wins to David Cora's 116. Thomas Clifton was third with 109 wins. ✹

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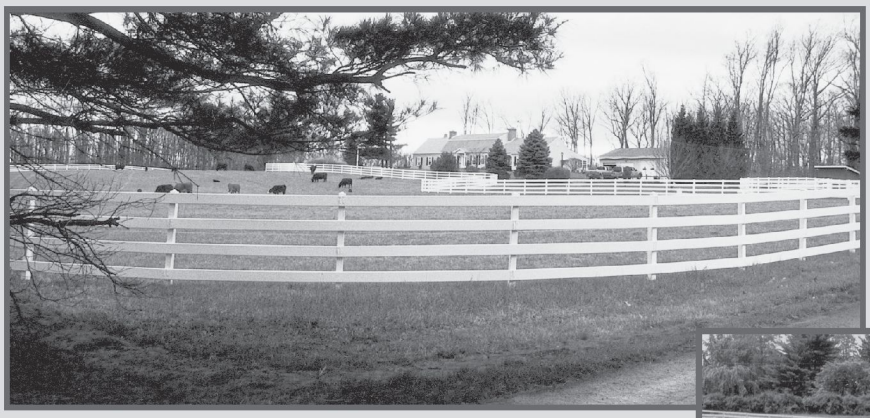

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RUNCO ROCKS AT CHARLES TOWN

JEFF NATIONS

Jeff **Runco** has worn a path to the winner's circle at Charles Town. The track's leading trainer for the past four years, Runco added luster to his 2009 season title in the final stakes of the year. His entry of **Stowe White** and Lolibop finished one-two in the $50,000 Eleanor M. Casey Memorial Stakes for registered accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-old fillies on December 27.

Runco paired two hard-hitting runners to challenge a seemingly overwhelming entry fielded by breeder/owner/trainer John A. Casey, whose mother is recognized by the naming of the race.

Casey's Down Town Allen and I Got a Answer left the starting gate having been bet down to 1-to-10 odds.

Glenorie, with Travis Dunkelberger up, battled for the early lead in the seven-furlong stakes before stopping on the second turn and pulling up. Down Town Allen, under Mathew McGowan, appeared to have enough to take over from there, but Runco's horses lurked in striking distance. By the half-mile mark, both Stowe White and Lolibop were within a length and a half, and they surged through the stretch in a head-to-head battle.

Stowe White, under Luis Perez, outfinished her stablemate by a neck. The entry paid a generous $29.60 to win, $37 to place, with Stowe White posting a final time of 1:28.25 over a muddy (sealed) track. Down Town Allen was third and I Got a Answer finished fourth.

Stowe White, who avenged two earlier losses to Down Town Allen and one to I Got a Answer, was bred by Hector Alcalde and purchased by her owner, David Raim, for $50,000 at the 2008 Keeneland September Yearling sale. By leading Mid-Atlantic sire Not For Love out of Metal Blues (by Cure the Blues), she is a half-sister to two stakes horses, including 2009 West Virginia Breeders Classic Distaff Stakes winner Shes Heavy Lifting ($149,335).

Stowe White won or placed in six of her seven outings at 2, earning $85,697. She finished second in a division of the Tri-State Futurity and third in the West Virginia Triple Crown Breeders Classic, but the Casey was her first stakes win.

Lolibop has proven exceptionally rewarding for her breeder/owner Jonas Cash, who attempted to sell her as a weanling but bought her back for $9,500 at the 2007 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale. Cash, a Marylander who raced her sire, multiple stakes-winning sprinter Bop (by Rahy), in the name of his Folly Quarter Stable, watched the filly register two wins and a second from three starts last season and earn $44,450.

"Both of them want to go a little farther," Runco said. "I think Stowe White will go as far as we want her to go, and Lolibop might run in the six and a half, seven-furlong range."

Runco and his wife, Susan, who operate Coleswood Farm in Ranson, W.Va., celebrated several career highs in 2009.

The big horse in their barn is Hermen Greenberg's **Researcher**, who gave Runco his first graded victory as a trainer while winning the 2008 Queens County Handicap-G3 at Aqueduct, and was runner-up in the 2009 edition of that race won by Rodman on December 12.

Shotwell Farm Stallions

Alydar's Causeway

Giant's Causeway—Eye Catching, by Alydar
Winning son of champion and leading sire **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, sire of 76 stakes winners, two champions, eight millionaires. Half-brother to **LADY MELESI** ($389,190). Family of champion **RELAXING**, dam of champion **EASY GOER** (by Alydar, $4,873,770, sire), **EASY NOW, CADILLACING**, etc. First crop yearlings of 2010.
$1,000 LF, payable when foal stands and nurses; Registered WV stallion, WVBC

Castine

Mr. Prospector—Written Word, by Vice Regent
Sire of SW **CROSS CREEK ROSIE** (3 wins in 6 starts, $72,713, multiple stakes-placed), **Castina** ($154,366), **Gold Lizzie** (multiple stakes-placed at 2), and **Bask in the Sun.** By **MR. PROSPECTOR**. From the family of leading sire **SMART STRIKE** (by Mr. Prospector, sire of champions **CURLIN, ENGLISH CHANNEL**, etc.). Family of six champions.
$1,000 LF, payable when foal stands and nurses; Registered WV stallion, WVBC

Classy E. T.

Lil E. Tee—Classy Irene, by El Baba
Allowance winner of $278,254. By classic winner **LIL E. TEE** ($1,437,506), sire of 20 stakes winners. Full brother to **TEE TO GREEN** ($172,503); half-brother to **Fast Busy** and to the dam of G1 winner **ADIEU** ($907,934), **SPEAK WISELY** ($161,399), etc. Dam a multiple stakes winner. Sire of winner E.T. Wonder (at 2, in 2 starts) from his first crop.
$1,000 LF, payable when foal stands and nurses; Registered WV stallion, WVBC

Deputy Rokeby

NEW TO SHOTWELL IN 2010

Deputy Minister—Gone to Venus, by Gone West
Entering stud in 2010. Son of leading sire Deputy Minister. Half-brother to **SAUDI POETRY** ($596,972) and G2-placed **Aeneas** ($434,485). Dam a half-sister to **ROKEBY ROSE** (dam of champion **SILVERBULLETDAY**). Family of champion **ARTS AND LETTERS**. $1,000 LF, payable when foal stands and nurses; Registered WV stallion, WVBC

Deputy Rummy

French Deputy—Mom's Command, by Top Command
Allowance-winning son of **FRENCH DEPUTY** (Deputy Minister), sire of 40 stakes winners, two champions. Out of champion and Hall of Famer **MOM'S COMMAND** ($902,972). Half-brother to G3 winner **JONESBORO** ($1,466,685) and three stakes producers. Sire of Rummy's Command (allowance winner of 2 races in 5 starts) from his first crop.
$1,000 LF, payable when foal stands and nurses; Registered WV stallion, WVBC

Rutledge Cat

Tale of the Cat—Rutledge Affair, by Colonial Affair
Stakes-placed (at 2) winning son of **TALE OF THE CAT**, sire of 62 SWs, including leading sire **LION HEART**, MG1SWs **GIO PONTI, TALE OF EKATI, GLAMOUR PUSS**, etc. Half-brother to **COLONEL RUTLEDGE** (at 2); family of champion **RAGUSA**. First crop yearlings of 2010. $1,000 LF, payable when foal stands and nurses; Registered WV stallion, WVBC

Your Abc's

Alphabet Soup—Cute Move, by Cherokee Fellow
Multiple stakes-placed winner of $159,847. Half-brother to **CUT THE CUTENESS** ($411,159), **OUTRAGEOUS QUEEN, Entrepreneurial, Mighty Cute Girl**. By Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner **ALPHABET SOUP** ($2,988,325), sire of 37 stakes winners, including champions **OUR NEW RECRUIT** and **PHANTOM LIGHT**. First crop are 2YOs of 2010.
$1,000 LF, payable when foal stands and nurses; Registered WV stallion, WVBC

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In nine starts last year at 5, Researcher, a son of deceased Virginia sire Two Smart, earned $492,859; for his career he has amassed $781,529.

The pinnacle of Researcher's career at Charles Town was reached last April when he beat a loaded field that included two-time Whitney Handicap-G1 winner Commentator in the inaugural running of the Charles Town Classic.

Runco is quick to credit those who helped him achieve a banner season.

"It's a combination of good owners, good horses and good employees," he said. "And my wife, Susan – she has a lot to do with it."

Researcher was one of two Charles Town-based runners to rank among the nation's top 100 earners in 2009. The other was Mark Russell's **Russell Road**, who earned $476,295 with seven victories from nine starts. A potential showdown between the two could occur on April 17, in the second running of the $1 million guaranteed Charles Town Classic.

West Virginia stallion Bop boasts another outstanding achiever, as his daughter **Beware of the Bop** had the second-highest win total among North American runners in 2009. She recorded her ninth victory (from 12 starts) on December 5, a frontrunning allowance score at seven furlongs.

Racing exclusively at Charles Town, Beware of the Bop won three stakes and was second in another, earning $224,350 in her 3-year-old season for owner/breeder James Carter and trainer Timothy Grams.

The winter months can be daunting for Thoroughbreds and race fans alike, but one state-bred showed his mettle in a maiden special weight for 2-year-olds on December 18. With a storm moving in – a blizzard that eventually dropped as much as two feet of snow in the area – trainer Ollie Figgins III saddled even-money favorite **Silver Pioneer** for the final race on the card. Under jockey J.D. Acosta, the chestnut son of Pioneering hopped at the start as the snow began falling around him. Evidently, Silver Pioneer took a liking to the novelty of snowflakes as he powered to a six-length lead heading into the stretch and won by seven lengths in 1:27.87 for owners Stephen A. Glessner and Donna Tullner.

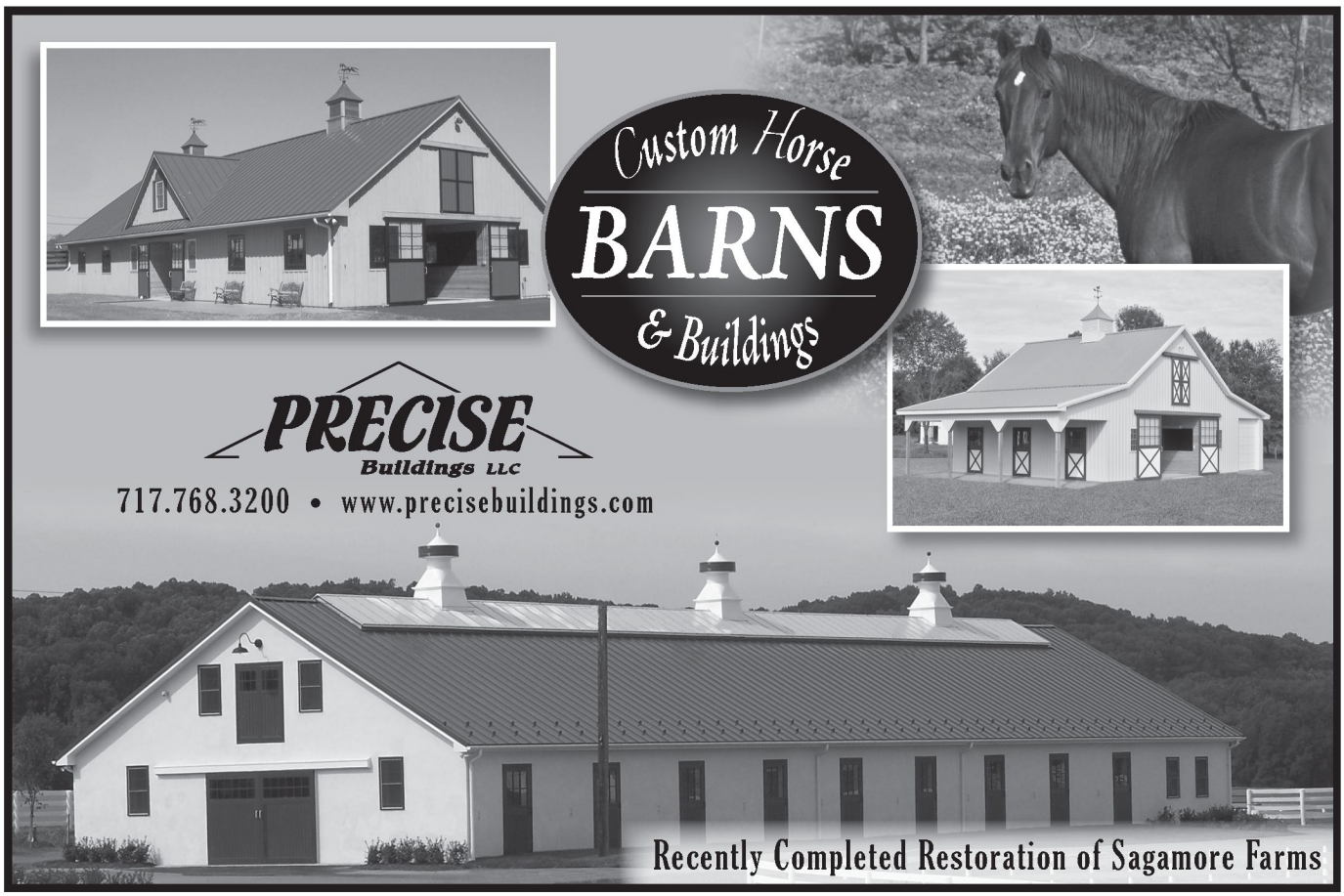
Figgins and Acosta had paired for an allowance win on December 5 when the Ghostly Minister daughter **Fluvanna** won a four and a half-furlong race in :52.81 for owner Ray M. Pennington III. The sophomore filly came through again just 13 days later when taking a seven-furlong allowance.

Trainer **Jamie Ness**, who ranked fourth in the nation by wins in 2009, with 258 victories from 786 starts (a 33 percent ratio), gained part of that total in December at Charles Town.

On December 3, his shipper **Dear Grace** won an allowance under jockey Sylvester Carmouche.

A day later, a Ness horse found the winner's circle when Carmouche guided **War Fighter** to a neck score in allowance company.

For the third time in four years, **J.D. Acosta** topped the jockeys' standings at Charles Town. A 28-year-old marathon runner who moved to this country from Puerto Rico and began riding at Charles Town in 2002, Acosta had 244 wins at the track last year, 74 more than runner-up Gerald Almodovar. Acosta's 1,117 Charles Town mounts earned a total of $4,307,806, also tops among local riders.



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Unbridled's Song–Silken Cat, by Storm Cat

- Half-brother to champion sprinter **SPEIGHTSTOWN** (G1 $1,258,256), nationally a top-three sophomore sire of 2009.
- Both **SPEIGHTSTOWN** and **FIBER SONDE** are **Mr. Prospector-line stallions.**
- Full brother to a $1.7 million Keeneland September 2008 yearling filly.
- By a leading sire, out of champion 2-year-old filly.

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Footnotes

Storm Cat–Key Phrase, by Flying Paster

- Full brother to **YANKEE GENTLEMAN** ($202,547) and to the dam of G2 **HALF OURS**
- Half-brother to G3-placed **Key Deputy**
- Out of a G1 winner of $233,300
- By leading sire **STORM CAT**, sire of leading sires **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, TALE OF THE CAT** (sire of top sophomore sire **LION HEART**), **STORMY ATLANTIC, FOREST WILDCAT**.
- Free of Mr. Prospector blood

$1,000 live foal
Payable when foal stands and nurses. Nominated to WV Breeders Classics. Registered WV stallion.

Also standing: **EVANGELISM** (Pulpit–Willa Joe-Ire, by El Gran Senor)

CHAMPION SIRE HONOUR AND GLORY TO GHOST RIDGE

Grade 1-winning miler and accomplished sire Honour and Glory will stand the 2010 season at Ghost Ridge Farms in Brogue, Pa. His stud fee is $6,500. The former Kentucky-based stallion, who has shuttled for Southern Hemisphere duty throughout his career, is owned by the Argentina-based La Mission. In 2009, Honour and Glory stood at Wintergreen Stallion Station in Kentucky before his season in Argentina.

The sire of 57 stakes winners from 10 crops, 26 of them graded winners, 17-year-old Honour and Glory has career progeny earnings of more than $48.5 million. He was an immediate success at stud, topping the list of 2-year-old sires in 2000 in his freshman year. He had progeny earnings that season of more than $1.4 million, with 22 winners, led by the champion 2-year-old filly Caressing, winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes-G1.

Other champions sired by Honour and Glory are two Argentinian champions of 2008, Mach Glory (Arg) (2-year-old colt) and Indio Glorioso (3-year-old colt); 2008 United Arab Emirates champion older horse at seven to nine and a half furlongs, Honour Devil (Arg), winner of the U.A.E. Derby-G2 and U.A.E. 2000 Guineas-G3; Chilean champion older mare All Glory; and Mexican champion 2-year-old colt Winning Limit.

With progeny earnings in 2009 in excess of $3.6 million, Honour and Glory ranked second-highest in Pennsylvania, and fourth in the Mid-Atlantic region. Among his six 2009 stakes winners were undefeated 2-year-old fillies Noneofyourbeeswax and Otero.

Hailing from the In Reality sire line as a son of Relaunch, Honour and Glory won or placed in 13 of 17 starts over two seasons, earning $1,202,942. Winner of the Grade 2 Breeders' Futurity and third in the Futurity Stakes-G1 at Belmont Park in four juvenile starts, Honour and Glory proved his brilliance at 3 when capturing the one-mile Metropolitan Handicap-G1 over eight older rivals, in a new stakes record time of 1:32.81. It was the fastest running in the race's 103-year history.

Making 13 starts while racing exclusively in stakes that year, Honour and Glory also captured the San Rafael Stakes-G2, King's Bishop Stakes-G2 (getting seven furlongs in 1:21.78) and San Miguel Stakes. He recorded Grade 1 placings in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (third to Lit de Justice), Santa Anita Derby (second to Cavonnier) and Vosburgh (second to Langfuhr).

A half-brother to stakes-placed Merciful Judge, Honour and Glory is out of the Al Nasr (Fr) mare Fair to All, a half-sister to Grade 1 winner and sire Ogygian and stakes winner Lookinforthebigone. In a pedigree devoid of Mr. Prospector blood, Honour and Glory is from the family of Metropolitan Handicap-G1 winner and leading sire Fappiano, Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Commendable, Grade 1-winning millionaires Clabber Girl and Keeper Hill, and Group 1 winner and sire Torrential.

FIRST WINNER FOR MCKENDREE PLAYS IT TOUGH

Wild Irish Rogue, a son of Maryland-based sire McKendree, proved a tough competitor down the lane to record his first victory and become the first winner for his sire. But it also took a little help to get there.

The second choice in a field of 10 juveniles, Wild Irish Rogue was awarded the victory in the maiden race at Charles Town the evening of December 4 after being bumped off stride in midstretch in the six and a half-furlong test. After contesting the lead the entire trip, Wild Irish Rogue was caught by Passing Lane, but after being bumped soundly by that rival, he came right back to miss by a neck. Owned by his breeder, Paula and Tom Haughey's PTK LLC, and trained by Dane Kobiskie, Wild Irish Rogue (out of Wild Roan, by Wild Rush) has hit the board in three of his four lifetime starts.

Wild Irish Rogue is the third foal of racing age by McKendree, who also has one foal of 2004 and one foal of 2005 (the latter the placed runner Defin'ish Chance). The 14-year-old stallion stands at Six M Farm in West River, Md., as the property of PTK LLC.

A talented sprinter who won nine races and placed in 15 others during his career, McKendree earned $334,156 in 42 starts. Twice stakes-placed at 2, he put together his biggest year at 4. In 15 starts, he won four, including the Maryland Million Sprint and Challedon Stakes, finished second four times (twice in stakes) and third once, earning $180,538. His Maryland Million romp saw him set a stakes record for the six furlongs while completing the distance in 1:08.56.

McKendree is a half-brother to $245,542-earner White Cliffs, who won or placed in nine stakes, as well as the $123,440-earner Twyla, dam of multiple stakes performer Another Vow. His dam is the stakes-placed mare Judge Supreme (by Big Burn).

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SECOND-LEADING WEST VIRGINIA SIRE

79% winners/starters. Sire of 13 stakes horses, including **SHESAGRUMPTOO** ($414,904 to 6, 2009, West Virginia Futurity, etc.), **PEACEFUL BLISS** ($309,955), **RHYTHMIC MOVES** ($236,062 to 6, 2009,), **BLUES IN THE NIGHT** ($199,190 to 5, 2009), **LOVE TO PLUNGE** ($147,930), **Judge Marshall** ($173,430) and 2009 2-year-olds **I GOT A ANSWER** (West Virginia Futurity, etc.) and multiple stakes-placed **Clarke County**.

Equaled track record going 1 1/16 miles in G3 Lone Star Park H. Won Tokyo City H and was twice graded stakes-placed, earning $479,630 from 10 starts. Half-brother to **DIVERSA** ($226,751), **SENSITIVITY,** etc. Second dam is millionaire **SABIN**. From the family of **MISS OCEANA.**

$2,500 live foal

Windsor Castle

Lord Carson—Frigidette, by It's Freezing

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MULTIPLE GRADED STAKES WINNER OF $591,715

Sire of 2009 stakes winners **HENRY THE LOVER** (8 wins, $194,714, Salerno S, Coin Collector S, 3rd West Virginia Futurity), 2-year-old **DOWN TOWN ALLEN** (4 wins, $176,547, Tri-State Futurity, Rachel's Turn S, etc.) and **COLONEL J W** (5 wins in 8 starts, $139,460, WV Lottery Breeders Classic S) and 2-year-old stakes-placed **Say What You Want**.

Won the **Grade 2 Remsen S** and placed in the Nashua S-G3 and Cowdin S-G3 at 2. At 3 and 4, placed in the Dwyer S-G2, Meadowlands Cup H-G2, Stuyvesant H-G3, Excelsior Breeders' Cup H-G3 and Creme Fraiche H-G3. Won the **Grade 3 Hal's Hope H** and **Grade 3 William Donald Schaefer H** at 5, and placed in the Fort Marcy H-G3.

Half-brother to **NORTH COAST LTD.** ($177,238) and G3-placed **Tito's Beau** ($168,722), out of a stakes-winning mare from the solid family of G1 **MISTICAL PLAN** ($814,290), G1 **PRIVATE PERSUASION** ($502,046), **WISHFUL SPLENDOR** ($271,125), etc.

$2,500 live foal

ALSO STANDING: **MY BOY ADAM** (Encino—My Girl Eve, by Pontoise)

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STALLION NEWS

CHAMPION ACTION THIS DAY TO DANA POINT

Eclipse Award winner Action This Day, the champion 2-year-old of 2003, joins the 2010 stallion roster at Dana Point Farm in Lenhartsville, Pa. The son of sire of sires Kris S. entered stud five years ago in Kentucky, and will stand this season for $3,500 live foal.

Action This Day earned his championship with a spectacular last-to-first move in the $1.5 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Stakes-G1 at Santa Anita. The B. Wayne Hughes colorbearer, one of trainer Richard Mandella's record four winners on the day, was making his stakes debut in the mile and a sixteenth race, and drew off to win by two and a quarter lengths. Action This Day earned $817,200 of his career total $822,484 that season with two wins in three starts.

Retired to stud at Castleton Lyons, Action This Day covered 113 mares his first year at stud. Of his 89 foals in his first crop, 68 have started and 35 are winners, including Night Action, winner of the Cradle Stakes at River Downs during his juvenile season. Action This Day is also the sire of three stakes-placed runners in his crop of 2006, including 2009 Plate Trial Stakes third-place finisher Rapid Release.

He was represented by nine winners in his second crop of 2-year-olds through December 21.

Action This Day is out of Trempolino's multiple graded stakes-placed winner Najecam ($175,243, 2nd Princess S-G2, etc.), a half-sister to the dams of international runner Lord Admiral ($1,009,530, Jebel Hatta S-G2, etc. in U.A.E., Ireland, England and U.S.), and stakes winner and graded-placed Quiet Meadow.

His third dam, *Bitty Girl, was a champion at 2 in England and produced group winner Beaudelaire and stakes winner Memento. The international family includes Brazilian Group 1 winner Hot Six, English Group 1 winner Hot Spark and Swedish Group 1 winner Powder Keg.

Stallions new to region

ACTION THIS DAY, b., 2001, by Kris S.—Najecam, by Trempolino. Champion, G1SW, 2 wins, $822,484. Castleton Lyons at Dana Point Farm, 89 Long Rd., Lenhartsville, Pa. 19534. (610) 756-6235, fax (610) 756-3040, (610) 969-9934 (cell); e-mail: maria@danapointfarm.com. $3,500 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses, special consideration to Pa. foaling mares and multiple bookings. Sire of 148 foals, 89 starters, 44 winners, 1 SW, $1,187,358.

FIVE EIGHTY FOUR, b., 2000, by Miswaki—Purely Social, by State Dinner. 1 win, $64,508. Kirsten Rivera at Rose Wynde Farm, 200 Maron Rd., Hatfield, Pa.; mailing address: P.O. Box 14, Pipersville, Pa. 18947. (267) 640-3837. $1,000 live foal. Stood first season in 2005.

FORMAL DINNER, dk.b./br., 1988, by Well Decorated—Fantastic Flyer, by Hoist the Flag. MGSW, 7 wins, $454,125. Mountain Springs Farm, Box 453, Shartlesville, Pa. 19554. (610) 488-7175. $2,500 live foal, special consideration to Pa. foaling mares. Sire of 582 foals, 474 starters, 392 winners, 1 champion, 24 SW, $24,969,142.

HONOUR AND GLORY, b., 1993, by Relaunch—Fair to All, by Al Nasr (Fr). G1SW, 6 wins, $1,202,942. Syndicate at Ghost Ridge Farms, 2633 Reeds Rd., Felton, Pa. 17322. phone/fax (717) 927-6610; e-mail: carl@ghostridgefarms.com; www.ghostridgefarms.com. $6,500 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses. Sire of 1,717 foals, 1,142 starters, 792 winners, 5 champions, 57 SW, $48,554,754.

IRISH ROAD, gr./ro., 2000, by Unbridled's Song—Twin Propeller, by Known Fact. 5 wins, $128,910. Mount Joy Stables at Ghost Ridge Farms, 2633 Reeds Rd., Felton, Pa. 17322. phone/fax (717) 927-6610; e-mail: carl@ghostridgefarms.com; www.ghostridgefarms.com. $1,500 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses. Sire of 13 foals, 3 starters, 1 winner, $16,920.

MIKIMOTO'S MOJO, ch., 2005, by Hold That Tiger—Munch N Grass, by Pleasant Colony. SW, 2 wins, $108,750. B. Neal Marshall and Anna Binkley at Maple Valley Farm, 6229 Flowing Springs Rd., Shenandoah Junction, W.Va. 25442. (304) 876-6024. $3,000 live foal. Stands first season in 2010.

NOBLE SOUND, dk.b./br., 2005, by Vindication—Serena's Tune, by Mr. Prospector. 3 wins, $81,000. Jose Lopez at Lightning Chase Farm, 191 Dowling Rd., Jamestown, Pa. 16134. (623) 556-7416; e-mail: jlopez51@aol.com. $1,000 live foal. Stands first season in 2010.

REVEALER, ch., 2005, by Freud—Mighty Emy, by Mighty Adversary. 3 wins, $114,950. Martin Blaylock at Oaklynne Farm, 3209 Swinging Bridge Rd., Hedgesville, W.Va. 25427 (304) 754-7851; (304) 261-5500 (cell); e-mail: oaklynnefarm@aol.com. $1,000 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses, special consideration to approved mares. Stands first season in 2010.

TALK IS MONEY, ch., 1998, by Deputy Minister—Isle Go West, by Gone West. SW, 2 wins, $104,110. D B Racing LLC at Rose Wynde Farm, 200 Maron Rd., Hatfield, Pa.; mailing address: P.O. Box 14, Pipersville, Pa. 18947. (267) 640-3837. $2,000 live foal. Sire of 152 foals, 104 starters, 66 winners, 3 SW, $2,826,031.

Stallion moved in region

BEAUTIFUL INDY: To Rose Wynde Farm, 200 Maron Rd., Hatfield, Pa.; mailing address: P.O. Box 14, Pipersville, Pa. 18947. (267) 640-3837.

Stallion leaving region

BUCKLE DOWN BEN: To Richwine Farm, Anderson, Ind.

First winners

CLASSY E. T., ch., 1997, by Lil E. Tee—Classy Irene, by El Baba; Harold L. Shotwell at Shotwell Farm, 1237 Earle Rd., Charles Town, W.Va. 25414. (304) 724-1211, fax (304) 724-1199; e-mail: chshotwell@aol.com. $1,000 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses.

E. T. WONDER, c.07, out of Cassandra Deer, by Deerhound. Charles Town, Dec. 27, msw, 4½ fur. B-Elex D. Bowman and Laura J. Bowman (W.Va.); O-Laura J. Bowman. Value to winner $16,800.

MCKENDREE, dk.b./br., 1996, by Norquestor—Judge Supreme, by Big Burn; PTK LLC at Six M Farm, 441 Owensville Rd., West River, Md. 20778. (410) 867-0380, (410) 867-9071 (cell). $1,000 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses.

WILD IRISH ROGUE, c.07, out of Wild Roan, by Wild Rush. Charles Town, Dec. 4, M7500, 6½ fur. B/O-PTK LLC (Pa.). Value to winner $7,800.

RIMROD, b., 2000, by Danzig—Annie Edge (Ire), by Nebbiolo; Augustin Stables at Castle Rock Farm, P.O. Box 567, Unionville, Pa. 19375. (610) 793-9887, fax (610) 793-0438, e-mail: crffarm@aol.com. $1,500 live foal, payable when foal stands and nurses.

VIANELLO, c.07, out of Silview, by Saint Ballado. Deauville, France, Dec. 9, 7½ fur., turf. B-A. Steigenberger (Ireland); O-Stall Steigenberger.

Xanthus Stallions 2010

Barbican

A.P. Indy—Colour Chart, by Mr. Prospector

Stakes-placed son of leading sire of sires A.P. INDY. Full brother to champion 2YO filly TEMPERA ($670,240), half to MG3W EQUERRY, ECOLE D'ART, etc. Out of MGSW COLOUR CHART, full sister to ALWAYS A RAINBOW, half to three-time Canadian champion RAINBOWS FOR LIFE, etc. Second dam is two-time Canadian champion RAINBOW CONNECTION.

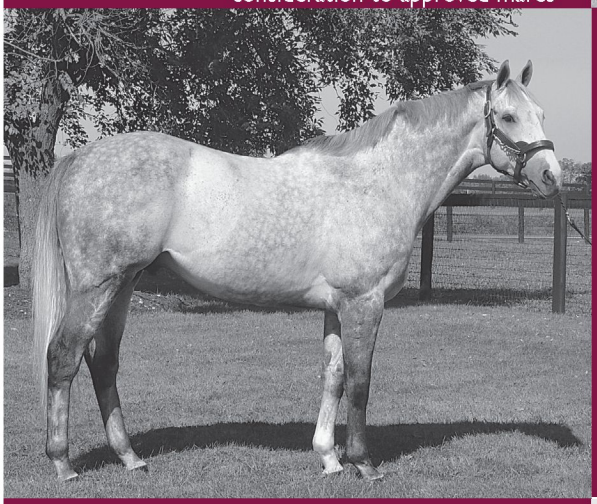
$3,000 live foal; private treaty to non-PA mares; special consideration to approved mares

Changeintheweather

Gone West—Meteor Colony, by Pleasant Colony

Sire of the earners of over $1.9 million in just three crops to run, including MSW **COLD TRIAL**, **Ovechkin** (2nd Oliver's Twist S), Doomer ($115,670), Run for Shelter ($109,059), etc. G1 winner at 2. MSW of $441,247. Posted triple-digit Beyers in three consecutive graded stakes. Out of a winning full or half-sister to champion PLEASANT STAGE and GSWs STAGE COLONY, COLONIAL PLAY, etc.

$3,000 live foal; discounts for mares foaling in PA; payable when foal stands and nurses; special consideration to approved mares



Duckhorn

Not For Love—Ten's Testamony, by Deputed Testamony

Sire of multiple stakes-placed **Sweet Sugar** ($155,782), Miss Duckhorn ($161,517), Risk It for Love ($57,202), etc. Leading sire NOT FOR LOVE's top son at stud. Multiple graded stakes winner of $747,812. From the family of champion ALL ABOARD.

$2,000 live foal; discounts for mares foaling in PA; payable when foal stands and nurses

Quarry

Forty Niner—Bound, by Nijinsky II

Sire of 28 winners from 45 starters, including **GOLD STONES** (10 wins, $329,860, Robellino S), **NITTANY EXPRESS** (10 wins, $255,682, Iroquois H), **EL FLACO** (at 2, 2009) and allowance winners Silent Quarry ($72,695), Quarry's Princess ($63,438), etc. MR. PROSPECTOR-line sire from immediate family of champions and leading sires SADLER'S WELLS and NUREYEV.

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IRISH ROAD MOVES TO PA

Irish Road, a son of top sire Unbridled's Song, has been moved from Florida to stand at Ghost Ridge Farms in Brogue, Pa., for 2010. The 10-year-old gray horse, whose runners in his oldest crop are now 3, has a stud fee of $1,500 live foal.

A winner of five of his nine lifetime starts, Irish Road broke his maiden by an eye-catching 10½ lengths at Belmont Park going six furlongs. He won twice at Saratoga at 3, taking allowance tests at six and seven furlongs, the latter by three and a half lengths in a solid 1:21.94. The victory, coming on August 14, 2003, made headlines, as the win gave Irish Road's trainer, Todd Pletcher, the record for most wins in a meet at Saratoga.

Unraced at 4, Irish Road made his way to Calder, where he won two allowance races to cap off his career. He retired with $128,910 in earnings.

Standing at stud in Florida, Irish Road had his first runners come to the races in 2009. In that crop of 13 foals, three started at 2, including Tony Boloney, a winner of his debut at Calder.

By one of the most successful commercial sires in the world, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Stakes-G1 winner Unbridled's Song, Irish Road is out of the stakes-winning Known Fact mare Twin Propeller. His half-sister is the dam of millionaire Smooth Air, a graded stakes winner at 3 and 4 who has earned $1,117,200.

Smooth Air netted such races as the Hutcheson Stakes-G2, Ohio Derby-G2 and Gulfstream Park Handicap-G2. His stakes placings include seconds in the Metropolitan Handicap-G1 and Florida Derby-G1.

Second dam, Ahpo Hel (by Mr. Leader), is the dam or granddam of more than a dozen stakes horses, including graded winners Justwhistledixie ($427,927, Bonnie Miss S-G2, etc.), Penny's Reshoot ($249,491, Prioress S-G2, etc.) and Chace City ($219,783, Saratoga Special Breeders' Cup S-G2, etc.).

Third dam Tiy is found behind the pedigrees of other accomplished runners such as Eagleton, Muir Beach, Popol's Gold, Shaniko, Shared Account and Pok Ta Pok.

Irish Road's family is from a branch tracing back to the influential broodmare Bold Irish. In addition to being the dam of Irish Road's fourth dam, stakes-placed Leix, Bold Irish produced Shenanigans, the dam of Ruffian, Icecapade and Buckfinder.

RIMROD'S FRENCH CONNECTION

Beautifully bred Pennsylvania stallion Rimrod, who makes his home at Castle Rock Farm in Unionville, got his first winner in his first crop when the European-based juvenile Vianello, his first starter, scored at Deauville race course in France on December 9. The Irish-bred Vianello, the second foal out of the Saint Ballado mare Silview, had finished second in his previous start in Germany for owner Ec. Steigenberger and trainer Peter Schiergen.

Both Rimrod and Silview were bred in Pennsylvania by George Strawbridge, as was the first foal out of Silview, the current 4-year-old Palamonium, an allowance winner of $140,150 by Syncline, a stakes-winning full brother to Rimrod.

Silview, a half-sister to Group 2 winner Flashing Numbers, was sold with Vianello in utero at the Tattersalls December Mare sale in 2006 for the equivalent of $91,551.

Strawbridge maintains ownership of Rimrod, a son of Danzig whom he campaigned in three countries to three victories in 13 starts while garnering $101,465. Rimrod was a stakes winner at 2 when taking the one-mile Stardom Stakes at Goodwood in England. At 3, he captured the seven-furlong Surrey Stakes at Epsom and finished third in the Jersey Stakes-G3 and Heron Stakes.

Rimrod is out of the remarkable producer Annie Edge (Ire), a stakes-winning, classic-placed (third in the Irish One Thousand Guineas-G1) daughter of Nebbiolo.

In addition to Syncline, Rimrod is a younger full brother to multiple graded/group stakes winner Seebe, an earner of $309,544 in England, France and the U.S. whose seven stakes wins or placings included a second in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-G1, as well as stakes winner Skillington. He is also a half-brother to two other stakes winners – Grade 3 winner Rory Creek, and the most accomplished of all of Annie Edge's runners, Selkirk.

A son of Sharpen Up (GB), Selkirk was a champion miler in England and France. An earner of $904,327, Group 1 winner Selkirk has made a long and successful stud career in England, siring more than 75 stakes winners, 38 of them group winners.

Rimrod has 13 current 3-year-olds and a crop of 18 juveniles. The 10-year-old stallion stands for $1,500 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses.

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UNDEFEATED NOBLE SOUND RETIRES TO PA

Noble Sound, a son of champion Vindication and grandson of the remarkable Serena's Song, will stand his first season at stud at Lightning Chase Farm in Jamestown, Pa., for a fee of $1,000. The 5-year-old, who was undefeated in three career starts, has been retired after fracturing an ankle.

A $2.8 million sales yearling, Noble Sound is one of a long line of highly sought-after youngsters descending from Serena's Song. He was one of four offspring of Serena's Tune (by Mr. Prospector) sold at public auction, three of whom brought seven figures. Noble Sound's half-sister Serena's Cat (by Storm Cat)—the first foal out of Serena's Tune—was a $1.4 million weanling at Keeneland November in 2003 (equaling the highest price for a filly that year). Serena's Cat later became a stakes winner.

Noble Sound's year-older half-brother, Mutawahej (by Storm Cat), sold for $3.1 million at the 2005 Keeneland September Yearling sale. That price ranked in the top 10 of yearling colts sold at public auction that year. Noble Sound was a top 10 sales yearling in 2006.

Serena's Song has had six yearlings sell, with five bringing $1 million or more. Serena's Tune, her first foal, sold for $1 million in 1999. A three-time stakes winner, Serena's Tune won half of her 14 starts and earned $337,260 during her career.

Serena's Song's other million-dollar sales yearlings were Colourful Score ($3.5 million) and Sophisticat ($3.4 million), both by Storm Cat; the Unbridled colt Harlington ($2.8 million); and the A.P. Indy colt Spark Candle ($1.5 million).

Sophisticat was a Group 1 winner in England and placed in the French classic Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-G1. Harlington won the Grade 2 Gulfstream Park Handicap and stands at stud in Kentucky. Other stakes horses out of Serena's Song are Oaklawn Handicap-G2 winner Grand Reward and stakes-placed Arbitrate, the sire of three stakes horses in his first crop in 2009.

A Racing Hall of Fame member (inducted in 2002), Serena's Song raced three years, won 18 of 38 starts, and earned $3,283,388. The champion 3-year-old filly of 1995, Serena's Song (by Rahy) won 11 Grade 1 races during her career (17 stakes wins total) and defeated colts in the Haskell Invitational Handicap-G1 and Jim Beam Stakes-G2.

From the first crop of Vindication, the champion 2-year-old of 2002, Noble Sound was purchased by Darley Stable and made his debut in November of his 3-year-old season for trainer Tom Albertrani. Sent off as a coupled favorite in a maiden special weight at Aqueduct, Noble Sound rolled home by four and three-quarters lengths in the six-furlong test.

Seven weeks later, he returned to score in allowance company going six furlongs over a field that included stakes winner M J's Enchanteur and future graded winner Rodman.

Noble Sound made his final start in March 2009 in a six-furlong allowance at Aqueduct, prevailing in a long drive with stakes-placed Southern Missile. He retired with career earnings of $81,000.

Noble Sound is a full brother to 2009 stakes winner Vocalised, a two-time Group 3 winner in Ireland.

VETERAN SIRE FORMAL DINNER TO PENNSYLVANIA

Formal Dinner, sire of 24 stakes winners and the earners of nearly $25 million in 14 crops, has been moved from Florida to Mountain Springs Farm in Shartlesville, Pa., for 2010. The stud fee for the 22-year-old syndicated stallion is $2,500 live foal, with special consideration to Pennsylvania breeders.

A son of Well Decorated out of the Hoist the Flag mare Fantastic Flyer, Formal Dinner has made a solid career at stud. He is the sire of champion Dark Dinner (in Colombia) and four graded stakes winners. His leading earner, multiple group stakes-placed Cosmo Bell, banked $569,658 in 2009 in Japan to push her career total to $1,418,711. Formal Dinner's best U.S. runners include Majestic Dinner, a 19-time winner and the champion Ohio-bred handicap horse of 2002. Majestic Dinner won seven stakes during his career and earned $497,374.

Another busy runner was $495,690-earner Formal Miss. The mare scored 10 times during her career, eight in stakes, and was 14 times stakes-placed. Other $400,000-plus earners are Coli Bear and Ten Pound Test. His daughter Wacky Patty amassed $306,961 from 20 starts, and won five stakes, topped by the Grade 3 Landaluce Stakes at 2.

A durable runner who made 39 starts over three seasons, winning seven times, with five seconds and 12 thirds, Formal Dinner was a graded stakes winner at 2 and 4, and placed in five graded stakes. He won a Saratoga juvenile standard, the Sanford Stakes-G3, by four lengths, and his placings that season included a third in the Norfolk Stakes-G1 won by Best Pal.

At 4, Formal Dinner scored in the Aqueduct Handicap-G3 at a mile and a sixteenth, but was extremely effective at distances under a mile, counting a victory in the six-furlong Bachelor Stakes at Oaklawn Park at 3. He retired with career earnings of $454,125.

A full brother to the dam of Cmdte Pepe Rios, a champion 2-year-old in Puerto Rico, Formal Dinner descends from one of the most influential broodmares in history, Grey Flight (his third dam). He is out of a half-sister to classic sire Sovereign Dancer as well as Grade 1 stakes winner and sire Intrepid Hero ($405,305, Hollywood Derby-G1, United Nations H-G1-ncr, etc.). Also found under his second dam, stakes winner Bold Princess, are such illustrious runners as millionaires and champions Cozzene's Prince and Caller One.

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CLASSY E. T.'S FIRST WINNER FLIES HOME

The first winner for the Shotwell Farm stallion Classy E. T. came on December 27 at Charles Town when E. T. Wonder wired a field of 2-year-olds to win a four and a half-furlong maiden special weight by a length and a half. The bay colt, bred in West Virginia by his trainer, Elex Bowman, and owner, Laura Bowman, is out of the Deerhound mare Cassandra Deer. Two weeks earlier, E. T. Wonder had been second in his debut, also at Charles Town.

Classy E. T. is represented by one foal from a test crop of 2006 and six foals of 2007.

An allowance-winning son of Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Lil E. Tee, Classy E. T. earned $278,254 during a career that spanned six years. In his 49 starts, Classy E. T. won eight times – at Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Gulfstream Park, Saratoga and Ellis Park – finished second 10 times and third in five others.

Out of the stakes winner Classy Irene (by El Baba), Classy E. T. is a full brother to 17-time winner Tee to Green ($172,503, Veterans S, etc.) and Stephe's Tee, dam of 2009 juvenile Tee Game ($108,441, 2nd Ontario Lassie S, etc.).

Classy E. T.'s half-sisters include stakes-placed Fast Busy, the granddam of juvenile stakes winner Link to My Heart, and Irene's Talkin, the dam of Frizette Stakes-G1 winner Adieu, an earner of $907,934, as well as stakes winner Speak Wisely and stakes-placed stakes producer Clay's Rocket.

Classy E. T. is the property of Harold Shotwell, who owns and operates Shotwell Farm in Charles Town, W.Va. The 13-year-old chestnut stallion stands for $1,000 live foal.

MIKIMOTO'S MOJO IS FIRST STALLION FOR MAPLE VALLEY

Anna M. Binkley and B. Neal Marshall, proprietors of Maple Valley Farm in Shenandoah Junction, W.Va, are standing their first stallion, the first-year sire Mikimoto's Mojo, in 2010. The stud fee for Mikimoto's Mojo, a 5-year-old son of champion Hold That Tiger, is $3,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses.

A juvenile stakes winner from the first crop of Hold That Tiger, Mikimoto's Mojo was impressive from the start. In his 2-year-old debut at Louisiana Downs in August, he was a comfortable winner of a maiden special weight at five and a half furlongs. He followed that effort by overcoming a wide trip to take the Lafayette Stakes at Evangeline Downs. He drew off to win the six-furlong stakes by a widening three lengths.

Those two efforts proved to be the best of his six-start career. Mikimoto's Mojo retires with earnings of $108,750.

The Maple Valley Farm stallion is from a family with long-successful ties to the Mid-Atlantic region. Hold That Tiger is by Storm Cat out of the stakes-winning mare Beware of the Cat, by Caveat. Caveat was one of the leading sires in the region in the 1990s.

Mikimoto's Mojo's dam, Munch N Grass, is by champion Pleasant Colony out of stakes winner Dixie Accent (by Dixieland Band). Dixie Accent is also the dam of stakes winner Mumbo Jumbo (the dam of Trusty Temper), steeplechase Grade 1 winner Muscle Car and group-placed King of Dixie. Her daughter Indy Go Go produced $342,706-earner Raise the Bluff.

Dozens of notable runners have descended from Mikimoto's Mojo's fourth dam, Avie. Among Avie's offspring are champion juvenile and top sire Lord Avie and stakes winner Avum, whose name is behind the pedigrees of millionaire Grade 1 winner and sire Stephen Got Even, as well as graded stakes winners Minneapple, Private Man, Baroness Direct, Xtension and Get Square. Avie's son, classic-placed Jolly Johu (by Restless Native), was a graded stakes winner and sire.

Averell, a full sister to Jolly Johu, is Mikimoto's Mojo third dam. She also produced six-time stakes winner Harriman and stakes-placed Bucknell, as well as the dams of Primitive Hall ($528,020, Norristown H-G3, etc.), Strength and Honor, Andiamo, Earth to Jackie and four other stakes horses.

THREE STALLIONS STANDING AT ROSE WYNDE FARM

Rose Wynde Farm in Hatfield, Pa., is home to three stallions for the 2010 season. Kirsten Rivera oversees the stallions Talk Is Money and Beautiful Indy, owned by D B Racing LLC, as well as her own Five Eighty Four.

Talk Is Money, a 12-year-old son of Deputy Minister, has been at stud since 2002. A $1.8 million sales yearling, the handsome chestnut broke his maiden in dominating fashion in his only start at 2. In his first start at 3, Talk Is Money won Laurel Park's Miracle Wood Stakes, defeating Marciano, and was immediately put on the 2001 Triple Crown trail. He counted stakes placings that spring when second to Marciano, while defeating Burning Roma, in the Federico Tesio Stakes, and third to Thunder Blitz and Tour of the Cat in the Grade 3 Flamingo. He was retired after seven starts with earnings of $104,100.

In his five crops to race, Talk Is Money is the sire of seven stakes horses, led by High Finance, winner of the Tom Fool Breeders' Cup Handicap-G2, second in the Mr. Prospector Handicap-G3, and an earner of $296,850. His other stakes winners are Blazing Sunset and Girls Pearls.

Talk Is Money is out of the Gone West mare Isle Go West, a half-sister to Grade 1 winner and leading sire Hennessy, Grade 1 winner Pearl City, multiple graded stakes winner and sire Shy Tom and stakes winner Wild Kitty.

Grade 1-placed Island Kitty, Talk Is Money's second dam, is a half-sister to stakes winner Beware of the Cat, dam of champion Hold That Tiger and Belmont Stakes-G1 winner Editor's Note. The family also includes champion Family Style, Grade 1 winners Field Cat and Lost Kitty and millionaire Tour of the Cat. Talk Is Money stands for $2,000.

The 11-year-old stallion Beautiful Indy, by A.P. Indy, is a winning half-brother to two multimillionaires – champion Beautiful Pleasure and three-time Grade 1 winner and sire Mecke. Out of Beautiful Bid (by Baldski), Beautiful Indy previously stood at Godstone Farm in Pine Grove, Pa. His stud fee is $1,500.

Five Eighty Four, a 10-year-old son of Miswaki whose oldest foals are now 4, stands for $1,000. A maiden special weight winner over the Belmont Park turf at 3, Five Eighty Four won or placed in six of his nine starts, all in allowance company, earning $64,508. In his only stakes attempt, he was fourth in the Saranac Handicap-G3 at Saratoga.

Five Eighty Four's dam, Purely Social (by State Dinner), is a half-sister to Stormy Deep ($565,672, Governor's Buckeye Cup H, etc.) and stakes-placed Steady Climb and Quickner. Five Eighty Four's third dam, Grade 1 winner Coraggioso, is a half-sister to major winner and successful sire T. V. Commercial.

Rivera, who competes with Five Eighty Four in dressage, has bred the stallion to mares for the show ring as well as the race track.

REVEALER MAKES HOME IN WEST VIRGINIA

Martin Blaylock's 5-year-old stallion Revealer is standing his first season at Oaklynne Farm in Hedgesville, W.Va. His stud fee is $1,000 live foal, payable when the foal stands and nurses, with special consideration to approved mares.

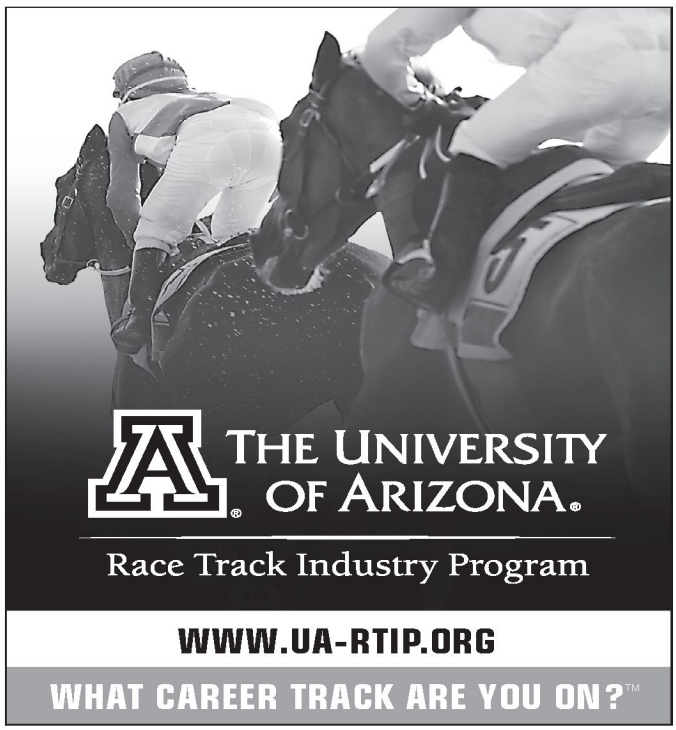
Revealer is a multiple allowance winner who racked up $114,950 over three seasons. The chestnut scored three times – twice at six furlongs at Aqueduct and Delaware Park, and once at five furlongs on the turf at Delaware Park.

By the Storm Cat stallion Freud (a full brother to Giant's Causeway), Revealer is out of the stakes-winning Mighty Adversary mare Mighty Emy. Among Mighty Emy's other five winners is Revealer's full sister Mighty Eros ($90,117, Park Avenue S).

Mighty Emy is one of four stakes horses for her dam, Honey League Girl ($146,787, Tomboy S, etc.), who also produced Mop Squeezer ($143,037, Judy's Red Shoes S, etc.), juvenile stakes winner Jacksrbetter and stakes-placed Summer Lucky ($139,782, 2nd Seminole H). Daughters of Honey League Girl are the dams or granddams of three 2009 stakes horses – juvenile Lucas Brady ($102,438, Birdonthewire S), Halmi ($61,053, Green Carpet S, etc.) and stakes-placed $171,215-earner Allsarott.

Revealer's third dam, Ivy League Girl, was a 100 percent stakes producer. Her richest runner was $250,091-earner Nordic Landing, whose 11 wins included victories in the Buckeye and Quick Step Handicaps.

Ivy League Girl's daughter League Darling won the Clasico Eduardo Cautino Insua-G3 in Puerto Rico at 2. The mare's first foal, the durable Nordic's Girl, made 102 starts over eight seasons, won or placed in four stakes, and earned $174,287.



STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2009

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
These statistics were supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS). Exact date is at the discretion of BRIS. †Denotes freshman sire. The following statistics, complete through December 31, reflect 2009 earnings from the following countries—Canada, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Puerto Rico, U.A.E. and the U.S. Statistics from Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and countries in South America are not included.

		Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./ Runners	Avg./ Runner
1.	Not For Love (Md)	681	214	1,439	125	213	Not for Silver ($263,020)	$6,117,580	58	$28,587
2.	Jump Start (Pa)	293	165	1,075	102	188	Rail Trip ($742,790)	4,493,330	62	27,232
3.	Lion Hearted (Md)	383	179	1,166	91	155	Aspenglow ($177,097)	3,523,060	51	19,682
4.	Honour and Glory (Pa)	923	199	1,258	102	166	Nadeshiko ($176,109)	2,865,090	51	14,397
5.	Cat Thief (Pa)	349	139	1,097	78	164	Thethiefatmidnight ($130,752)	2,703,300	56	19,448
6.	Louis Quatorze (Md)	651	157	1,052	75	142	Dancin Banker ($136,628)	2,583,650	48	16,456
7.	Outflanker (Md)	374	121	945	71	134	Saxet Heights ($134,970)	2,547,070	59	21,050
8.	Wiseman's Ferry (Pa)	171	106	819	66	114	Swilly Ferry ($343,305)	2,286,530	62	21,571
9.	Partner's Hero (Pa)	346	110	757	48	75	Heros Reward ($158,530)	2,184,320	44	19,857
10.	Delaware Township (Pa)	219	110	960	64	117	Victorina ($151,053)	2,108,980	58	19,173
11.	Greatness (Pa)	100	66	477	43	82	Red Leader ($130,664)	1,753,860	65	26,574
12.	Trust N Luck (Pa)	142	76	553	43	92	Trust Or Bust ($321,186)	1,741,975	57	22,921
13.	Two Punch (Md)	942	100	600	50	82	Rhythmn Master ($92,255)	1,565,230	50	15,652
14.	Defrere (NJ)	462	91	558	41	66	Emily Allstar ($154,960)	1,535,080	45	16,869
15.	Albert the Great (Pa)	223	78	535	39	66	Albertus Maximus ($420,000)	1,503,620	50	19,277
16.	Black Tie Affair (Ire) (pensioned)	776	68	455	32	58	Rollicking Affair ($168,135)	1,464,460	47	21,536
17.	Go for Gin (Md)	334	63	444	31	63	Banrock ($347,026)	1,384,360	49	21,974
18.	Luftikus (WV)	172	65	449	29	46	Peaceful Bliss ($166,621)	1,376,180	45	21,172
19.	Mojave Moon (Md)	178	77	618	38	74	Sumacha'hot ($197,660)	1,360,100	49	17,664
20.	Snow Ridge (Pa)	207	96	645	47	77	Bebob ($75,898)	1,347,420	49	14,036
21.	Lite the Fuse (Pa)	432	96	700	34	50	Going Ballistic ($158,330)	1,324,900	35	13,801
22.	Wheaton (deceased)	326	51	321	25	53	Russell Road ($476,295)	1,313,840	49	25,761
23.	Rock Slide (Md)	109	60	335	27	44	Ariana D ($141,000)	1,233,210	45	20,553
24.	Domestic Dispute (Md)	145	75	407	36	54	Domestic Bliss ($96,440)	1,163,420	48	15,512
25.	Bop (WV)	68	37	190	22	42	My Sister Margaret ($297,282)	1,155,390	59	31,227
26.	Smooth Jazz (Pa)	80	45	360	26	50	Smooth Air ($380,000)	1,116,610	58	24,814
27.	Real Quiet (Pa)	326	76	519	33	64	Quiet Again ($124,850)	1,089,550	43	14,336
28.	Prized (WV)	493	50	341	23	36	Brass Hat ($256,796)	986,666	46	19,733
29.	Lido Palace (Chi) (Pa)	121	63	432	30	49	Vineyard Haven ($282,500)	979,351	48	15,545
30.	Allen's Prospect (deceased)	1,049	52	377	26	47	All Giving ($194,900)	938,650	50	18,051
31.	During (WV)	99	61	412	33	48	Spina ($88,140)	933,536	54	16,464
32.	Private Interview (NJ)	195	46	335	19	30	Nondo ($89,332)	881,097	41	19,154
33.	Action This Day (Pa)	148	84	507	39	51	Jules J ($48,156)	850,916	46	10,130
34.	Housebuster (deceased)	552	53	385	25	42	Shaunna ($84,380)	785,616	47	14,823
35.	Meadow Monster (WV)	300	61	368	15	28	Green Suede Shoes ($117,470)	778,506	25	12,762
36.	Crafty Friend (NJ)	315	61	404	28	45	Savethebestforlass ($88,385)	744,638	46	12,207
37.	Changeintheweather (Pa)	87	49	428	28	44	Run for Shelter ($68,925)	722,042	57	14,736
38.	Civilisation (WV)	133	55	357	23	35	Swish Maravich ($107,100)	704,822	42	12,815
39.	Crowd Pleaser (deceased)	138	37	222	17	30	Tease ($147,650)	669,864	46	18,104
40.	Unbridled Jet (NJ)	212	52	283	17	26	Scheing E Jet ($66,875)	653,561	33	12,568
41.	Windsor Castle (WV)	59	29	157	11	20	Down Town Allen ($176,547)	637,303	38	21,976
42.	Seeking Daylight (deceased)	66	37	174	16	27	Top of My Game ($96,145)	627,895	43	16,970
43.	Great Notion (Md)	65	28	156	16	25	Great Love ($169,575)	616,651	57	22,023
44.	Coastal Storm (Pa)	102	28	174	10	17	Coastal Solace ($209,470)	612,674	36	21,881
45.	Siphon (Brz) (Pa)	508	61	313	19	33	Hurley's Way ($99,264)	610,915	31	10,015
46.	Gulf Storm (Pa)	146	55	386	20	33	Category Seven ($158,730)	603,801	36	10,978
47.	Caller I. D. (deceased)	514	49	313	18	32	Sprig of Lilac ($131,226)	599,929	37	12,243
48.	Two Smart (deceased)	34	10	56	6	10	Researcher ($492,859)	596,909	60	59,691
49.	†Medallist (Pa)	59	25	88	8	13	Ibboyee ($355,048)	594,615	32	23,785
50.	Makin (WV)	177	51	360	21	33	Trouble Makin ($69,360)	569,047	41	11,158
51.	Kokand (pensioned)	459	63	316	24	30	Cynthia's Angle ($57,680)	566,195	38	8,987
52.	Yarrow Brae (WV)	230	46	238	17	28	Celtic Innis ($99,054)	551,724	37	11,994
53.	Way West (Fr) (deceased)	331	52	306	23	34	One Bold West ($67,893)	544,829	44	10,477
54.	Alex's Pal (Pa)	51	28	220	17	32	Koka Kola Kitty ($67,635)	493,753	61	17,634
55.	Citidancer (pensioned)	351	25	155	14	22	Citifest ($82,073)	447,008	56	17,880
56.	Duckhorn (Pa)	71	32	199	12	20	Sweet Sugar ($85,300)	444,505	38	13,891
57.	Will's Way (pensioned)	189	24	185	15	26	Reflected Way ($95,554)	432,992	63	18,041
58.	Eastern Echo (deceased)	523	32	190	10	18	Fancy Diamond ($91,430)	418,681	31	13,084
59.	Power by Far (Pa)	73	24	174	10	12	Xtra Power ($72,020)	413,107	42	17,213
60.	†Oratory (Md)	60	24	100	17	19	Onethreesevenbox ($36,000)	386,031	71	16,085
61.	Mr. Nugget (NJ)	72	27	157	8	16	Balaban ($76,810)	378,851	30	14,032
62.	Reparations (WV)	54	18	117	11	16	Ruby's Red Socks ($71,160)	376,231	61	20,902
63.	Eastover Court (deceased)	168	23	162	9	12	Raggedy Andy ($82,813)	362,993	39	15,782
64.	Polish Numbers (deceased)	513	17	107	10	17	Big Dealer ($118,844)	361,750	59	21,279
65.	Harry the Hat (Pa)	131	17	125	6	9	Neeyo ($106,320)	359,958	35	21,174

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DIGGER

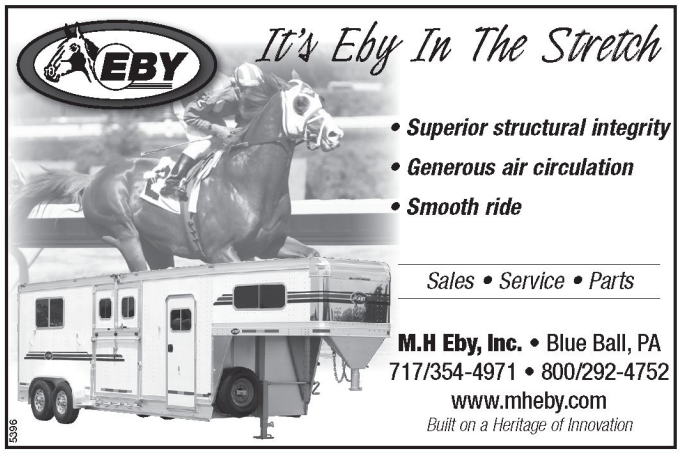
Gravesend Handicap
$65,000-added, 6 fur., 3 & up. Aqueduct, Dec. 26.

Yonaguska	Cherokee Run	Runaway Groom	Blushing Groom (Fr)
			Yonnie Girl
		Cherokee Dame	Silver Saber
			Dame Francesca
	Marital Spook	Silver Ghost	Mr. Prospector
			Misty Gallore
		Homewrecker	Buckaroo
			Execution
Digger, dk.b./br.g., 2004			
Da Choice	Dehere	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
			Mint Copy
		Sister Dot	Secretariat
			Sword Game
	Millie's Choice (Ire)	Taufan	Stop the Music
			Stolen Date
		Salagangai	Sallust
			Malagangai

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
06	5	1	3	1 (1)	$ 39,210
07 (sw)	9	5 (3)	1	0	155,308
08	8	2	1	1	73,730
09 (sw)	9	4 (1)	2	1	145,030
	31	12 (4)	7	3 (1)	$413,278 (through Dec. 26)

2006: 3rd **Maryland Juvenile Championship S. 2007:** 1st $50,000 **Deputed Testamony S,** 1 mi., registered Md.-bred 3-year-olds, Laurel, Sept. 15; $50,000 **Northern Dancer S,** 1⅛ mi., registered Md.-bred 3-year-olds, Laurel, Nov. 3; $60,000 **Jennings H,** 1⅛ mi., registered Md.-breds, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 1. **2009:** 1st $65,000 **Gravesend H,** 6 fur., 3 & up, Aqueduct, Dec. 26.

Bred by Skeedattle Associates (Md.); owned by Repole Stable; trained by Bruce R. Brown.
Sire: **YONAGUSKA,** dk.b./br., 98, stands at Elite Thoroughbreds, Folsom, La.
Dam: DA CHOICE, b., 00, bred by Kay Bullitt (Ky.). Unraced. (Kee Sept 01—$70,000)



04 **DIGGER,** dk.b./br.g. by Yonaguska.
06 De' Medici, dk.b./br.g. by Lion Hearted. Raced 2 years, 9 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, $7,760.
07 Straddler, dk.b./br.f. by Dance With Ravens. Unraced. (FTM Oct 08—$3,300)
08 dk.b./br.f. by Lion Hearted.
09 ch.f. by North Light (Ire).

OUR COMMANDER

Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes
$50,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 2-year-olds.
Laurel Park, Dec. 12.

Tenpins	Smart Strike	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
			Gold Digger
		Classy 'n Smart	Smarten
			No Class
	Maid's Broom	Deputy Minister	Vice Regent
			Mint Copy
		Overreaction	Nodouble
			Bambee T. T.
Our Commander, ch.g., 2007			
Silver Tango	Silver Badge	Poker	Round Table
			Glamour
		Silver True	Hail to Reason
			Silver Fog
	Royal Tango	Princely Pleasure	What a Pleasure
			Princess Tiki
		Tango in Paris	Cyane
			Dancer's Gem

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
09 (sw)	6	3 (1)	0	2	$69,230
10	1	0	0	0	650
	7	3 (1)	0	2	$69,880 (through Jan. 2)

2009: 1st $50,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship S,** 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 12.

Bred and owned by Phillip L. Capuano (Md.); trained by Gary A. Capuano.
Sire: **TENPINS,** ch., 98, stands at Walmac Farm LLC, Lexington, Ky.
Dam: **SILVER TANGO,** ch., 88, bred by Jeanne F. Begg (Md.). Raced 5 years, 47 starts, 17 wins, 2 to 5, $473,242, Politely S, Conniver H, Forsythia S, Francis Scott Key H twice, Primonetta H, Jacob France H, Mountain Laurel S, Bustleton S, Liberation H, 2nd Pimlico Oaks-G3, Francis Scott Key S, 3rd Maryland Million Distaff H, Jacob France H, Monmouth County S, Hydrangea S, Whitemarsh Breeders' Cup H.
95 Untangled, ch.f. by Unbridled. Unraced. (Kee July 96—$160,000) Dam of **FULL** (champion imported 3-year-old colt in Panama, Clasico Sociedad de Duenos de Caballos, Clasico Union de Preparadores, 3rd Clasico Dia del Trabajo, etc.), **POLITICAL WEB** (4 wins, $210,290, Torrey Pines S, 3rd Desert Rose H), **Cozzen Vinny** (8 wins, $70,983 to 8, 2009, 3rd Sunland Park H).
96 Sky Tango, ch.f. by Sky Classic. Raced 2 years, 14 starts, 3 wins at 3 and 4, $32,712. (Kee Nov 96—$21,000; FTK July 97—$21,000) Producer.
97 ch.c. by Pine Bluff.
98 **Scarlet Tango,** ch.f. by French Deputy. Raced 3 years, 18 starts, 4 wins, 2 to 4, $99,493, 2nd Laura Gal S. Dam of **VISIONAIRE** (5 wins, $465,882, King's Bishop S-G1, Gotham S-G3, 3rd Risen Star S-G3, Northern Dancer Breeders' Cup S-G3).
99 No Easy Answer, dk.b./br.f. by Captain Bodgit. Raced 3 years, 22 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, $52,930. (FTM Dec 99—$33,000; FTT March 01—$13,500)
00 Devilano, ch.c. by Devil's Bag. Unraced.
01 **DALE'S PROSPECT,** ch.g. by Pioneering. Raced 6 years, 47 starts, 12 wins, 3 to 8, $344,664, Taking Risks S, 2nd Hoover S, Mo Bay S, 3rd Dave's Friend S twice, Fire Plug S.
02 Silver Emblem, ch.f. by Demidoff. Raced 1 year, 9 starts, 3 wins at 3, $66,420.
03 Barren.

04 Makealotofsilver, ch.c. by Lil E. Tee. Raced 1 year, 6 starts, 1 win at 3, $6,900.
05 Tangled Affair, f. by Black Tie Affair (Ire). Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, $1,200.
06 Shining Cap, b.f. by Lite the Fuse. Unraced.
07 **OUR COMMANDER,** ch.g. by Tenpins.
08 Bumpy Road, ch.c. by Love of Money.
09 Slipped.

THAT'S HOW I ROLL

Maryland Filly Championship Stakes
$50,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 3-year-old fillies.
Laurel Park, Jan. 1.

		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
	Gone West		Gold Digger
		Secretariat	Secretariat
Speightstown			Tamerett
	Silken Cat	Storm Cat	Storm Bird
			Terlingua
		Silken Doll	Chieftain
That's How I Roll, dk.b./br.f., 2007			Insilca
		Danzig	Northern Dancer
	Lost Soldier		Pas de Nom
		Lady Winborne	Secretariat
Chatter Chatter			Priceless Gem
	Bedroom Chatter	Cure the Blues	Stop the Music
			Quick Cure
		Bedroom Window	Linkage
			Guichet

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
09	6	1	1 (1)	1	$46,506
10 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	30,000
	7	2 (1)	1 (1)	1	$76,506 (through Jan. 1)

2009: 2nd **Junior Champion S. 2010:** 1st $50,000 **Maryland Filly Championship S,** 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Jan. 1.

Bred by Dark Hollow Farm, George Harris and William De Burgh (Md.); owned by Vision Racing LLC; trained by Kiaran P. McLaughlin.
Sire: **SPEIGHTSTOWN,** ch., 98, stands at A Taylor Made/Winstar Venture, Versailles, Ky.
Dam: **CHATTER CHATTER,** b., 01, bred by John Franks (Fla.). Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 3 wins at 2, $393,940, Joe O'Farrell Juvenile Fillies S, My Dear Girl S, 2nd Susan's Girl S. (Kee Nov 04—$175,000; Kee Nov 05—$320,000 in foal to Speightstown; Kee Nov 08—$160,000 in foal to Malibu Moon)
06 **Chattertown,** dk.b./br.f. by Speightstown. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 2 wins at 3, $79,882, 2nd Dearly Precious S. (Kee Sept 07—$105,000; OBS March 08—$250,000)
07 **THAT'S HOW I ROLL**, dk.b./br.f. by Speightstown. (Kee Sept 08—$160,000; FTF Feb 09—$235,000).
08 ch.f. by Bluegrass Cat.
09 ch.c. by Malibu Moon.

Virginia-bred

QUALITY ROAD

Hal's Hope Stakes-G3
$100,000-guaranteed, 1 mi., 4 & up. Gulfstream Park, Jan. 3.

		Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
	Gone West		Gold Digger
		Secretariat	Secretariat
Elusive Quality			Tamerett
	Touch of Greatness	Hero's Honor	Northern Dancer
			Glowing Tribute
		Ivory Wand	Sir Ivor
Quality Road, b.c., 2006			Natashka
		Whiskey Road	Nijinsky II
	Strawberry Road (Aus)		Bowl of Flowers
		Giftisa (NZ)	Rich Gift
Kobla			Wahkeena
	Winglet	Alydar	Raise a Native
			Sweet Tooth
		Highest Trump	Bold Bidder
			Dear April

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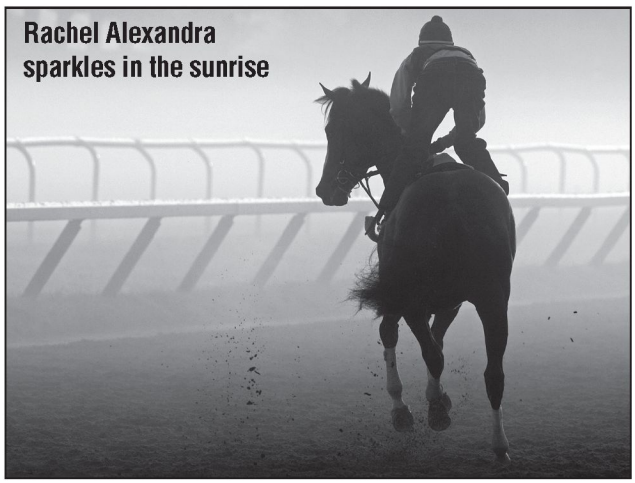

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STAKES WINNERS

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings	
08	1	1	0	0	$ 25,800	
09 (sw)	6	3 (3)	2 (1)	1 (1)	947,030	
10 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	60,000	
	8	5 (4)	2 (1)	1 (1)	$1,032,830	(through Jan. 3)

2009: 1st $250,000 **Fountain of Youth S-G2,** 1 mi., 3-year-olds, Gulfstream, Feb. 28; $750,000 **Florida Derby-G1,** 1⅛ mi. (ntr—1:47.72), 3-year-olds, Gulfstream, March 28; $150,000 **Amsterdam S-G2,** 6½ fur. (ntr—1:13.74), 3-year-olds, Saratoga, Aug. 3; 2nd **Jockey Club Gold Cup Invitational S-G1;** 3rd **Travers S-G1. 2010:** 1st $100,000 **Hal's Hope S-G3,** 1 mi., 4 & up, Gulfstream, Jan. 3.

Bred and owned by Edward P. Evans (Va.); trained by Todd A. Pletcher.

Sire: **ELUSIVE QUALITY,** b., 93, stands at Darley, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: KOBLA, b., 95, bred by Allen E. Paulson (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 3, 0 wins, $1,080. (Kee Nov 99—$1,050,000 in foal to Mt. Livermore)

00 Mt. Kobla, b.f. by Mt. Livermore. Raced 1 year, 6 starts, 2 wins at 3, $107,220. Producer.
01 Barren.
02 King Kobla, ch.c. by Kingmambo. Unraced.
03 c. by Thunder Gulch. Died 2003.
04 Barren.
05 Kobla Road, ch.f. by Gone West. Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, $1,825.
06 **QUALITY ROAD,** b.c. by Elusive Quality.
07 Barren.
08 Kobla Cat, dk.b./br.f. by Tale of the Cat.
09 Barren.

West Virginia-bred

STOWE WHITE

Eleanor M. Casey Memorial Stakes
$50,000-added, 7 fur., registered accredited West Virginia-bred 2-year-old fillies.
Charles Town, Dec. 27.

Stowe White, dk.b./br.f., 2007

- Not For Love
  - Mr. Prospector
    - Raise a Native
      - Native Dancer
      - Raise You
    - Gold Digger
      - Nashua
      - Sequence
  - Dance Number
    - Northern Dancer
      - Nearctic
      - Natalma
    - Numbered Account
      - Buckpasser
      - Intriguing
- Metal Blues
  - Cure the Blues
    - Stop the Music
      - Hail to Reason
      - Bebopper
    - Quick Cure
      - Dr. Fager
      - Speedwell
  - Alloy (Fr)
    - Pharly
      - Lyphard
      - Comely (Fr)
    - Alea II
      - Galivanter
      - Alleged

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
09 (sw)	7	2 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)	$85,697 (through Dec. 27)

2009: 1st $50,000 **Eleanor M. Casey Memorial S,** 7 fur., registered accredited W.Va.-bred 2-year-old fillies, Charles Town, Dec. 27; 2nd **Tri-State Futurity;** 3rd **W.Va. Triple Crown Breeders Classic S.**

Bred by Hector Alcalde (W.Va.); owned by David M. Raim; trained by Jeff C. Runco.

Sire: **NOT FOR LOVE,** b., 90, stands at Northview Stallion Station, Chesapeake City, Md.

Dam: METAL BLUES, ch., 93, bred by Fares Farms Inc. (Ky.). Raced 1 year, 2 starts at 2, 0 wins, $825. (Kee Nov 98—$10,500 in foal to Chimes Band; FTM Dec 07—$18,000 in foal to Stormy Atlantic)

98 Heavy Chimes, ch.c. by Chimes Band. Raced 4 years, 28 starts, 1 win at 6, $10,505. (Kee Nov 98—$2,500)
99 **Metal Chimes,** ch.f. by Chimes Band. In U.S. and France, raced 2 years, 7 starts, 2 wins at 2, $43,010, 2nd Hildene S. (FTM Oct 00—$12,000; Tat Dec 02—$18,000) Producer.
00 Wanna Fly, ch.c. by Elusive Quality. Unraced. (FTM Oct 01—$37,000; FTM July 02—$50,000)
01 Barren.
02 Dancetheblues, ch.g. by Citidancer. Raced 3 years, 6 starts, 1 win at 2, $28,010. (FTM Dec 02—$7,700; FTM May 04—$19,000)
03 ch.f. by Elusive Quality. (Kee Nov 03—$35,000)
04 **SHES HEAVY LIFTING,** b.f. by Broken Vow. Raced 3 years, 17 starts, 4 wins, 3 to 5, $149,335, W.Va. Breeders' Classic Distaff S. (FTM Oct 05—$60,000)
06 **Buzz,** b.g. by Yonaguska. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 2, $60,485, 2nd W.Va. Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic S, Robert G. Leavitt Memorial S. (FTM Oct 07—$45,000)
07 **STOWE WHITE,** dk.b./br.f. by Not For Love. (FTM Dec 07—$60,000; Kee Sept 08—$50,000)
08 ch.c. by Stormy Atlantic. (Kee Sept 09—$50,000)

Looking back

From *The Maryland Horse* (published 1936 to 1997) and *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*

25 YEARS AGO

■ "Can it truly be that a new day is dawning?" *Maryland Horse* editor Snowden Carter raised that hope in his report on the Maryland racing industry's initiative – led by Laurel Race Course's new owner Frank De Francis – that sought to lower the state's share of the takeout from 4.09 percent to .50 percent and close Bowie as a racing track.

The state legislature acted favorably that same year on the measure still considered De Francis's major legacy in the industry.

■ Maryland's Windfields Farm reported the death of Natalma, 28-year-old dam of Northern Dancer.

The daughter of Native Dancer, purchased by Windfields for $35,000 as a yearling at Saratoga, placed in the Spinaway Stakes and earned $16,015 before joining the Windfields broodmare band. She produced Northern Dancer as her first of 14 foals. Natalma lived out her life as a pensioner at Windfields in Chesapeake City, Md., and was buried next to Flaming Page, dam of Nijinsky II.

■ Fasig-Tipton's February sale grossed $380,200, with 99 horses sold for an average of $3,840. Buy-backs were 22.6 percent.

Jockeys presented J. Fred Colwill with a plaque upon his retirement as chief racing steward at the Maryland tracks. Colwill, who died in 1988 at the age of 75, had served as a steward since the early 1960s. Phil Grove, who now holds a place in the stewards' stand, made the presentation.

10 YEARS AGO

■ Two superstars of 1999 – half-siblings Cash Run and Forestry – shined a spotlight on one of Maryland's most secluded Thoroughbred operations, Robert S. Evans's Courtland Farm in Easton.

Produced from Evans's Grade 1-winning homebred Shared Interest, by Pleasant Colony, the duo of Grade 1 winners was bred in Kentucky but each spent more than a year at Courtland under the care of farm manager Scott Warner.

Cash Run, sold for $1.2 million at the Keeneland July Yearling sale, was the longshot winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes-G1. The year-older Forestry brought $1.5 million at Keeneland July and finished fourth as favorite in the Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 after winning the King's Bishop Stakes-G1.

■ At age 80, Tyson Gilpin, Virginia racing's elder statesman, took on a new role as president of the local HBPA (Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association).

"Plenty of people in the horse business have knowledge about the game. Tyson Gilpin has understanding," commented local newspaper editor and horseman George Rowand.

■ Maryland-bred Hookedonthefeelin gained rare distinction while winning Santa Anita's La Brea Stakes-G1 on December 27, 1999.

The daughter of Citidancer captured the final Grade 1 race of the year, the decade and the century.

It was also the first-ever Grade 1 win at Santa Anita for owner Mike Pegram, who along with Hookedonthefeelin's trainer Bob Baffert was best known for campaigning Kentucky Derby/Preakness winner Real Quiet.

■ Georganne Hale, recently appointed acting racing secretary at Laurel and Pimlico, was believed to be the only woman in that job at a major race track in the country.

A lifelong horsewoman, Hale steadily climbed the career ladder within the Maryland Jockey Club after going to work on the frontside in 1984, and had been the assistant racing secretary since 1993.

■ Howard Gentry, who served as general manager of Virginia's famed Meadow Stud, the breeding and training operation that produced Secretariat and Riva Ridge, died at age 91.

50 YEARS AGO

■ Garden State Park announced plans to revive the Jersey Derby, the oldest Derby in America, inaugurated in 1864.

Run as the Jersey Stakes from 1948 (when it was won by Citation) to 1960, the Jersey Derby continues today at Monmouth Park, where it had its 66th running last August. Over the years, no fewer than 13 champions have counted a victory in this race on their resume, with the most recent being Da Hoss in 1995.

■ The Preakness would retain its status as the richest race in the world for its upcoming 84th running that spring.

With a purse of $150,000-added, and an expected gross value of $200,000 (bolstered by nominating, entry and starting fees), Pimlico's middle jewel of the Triple Crown would be the richest prize ever offered for a 3-year-old.

■ Bowie promised many added degrees of fan comfort for its 40-day meet set to begin in mid-February. The track's grandstand and clubhouse had recently been enclosed by plate glass. Blower-type heaters and a circulatory air system were installed throughout the plant.

The 1960 racing season would also be Bowie's first without the once-popular train that brought fans from Washington to the track gates. The race train had been canceled due to waning use. A preferred parking area had been set up in the old train stop, increasing Bowie's total parking area to 38 acres.

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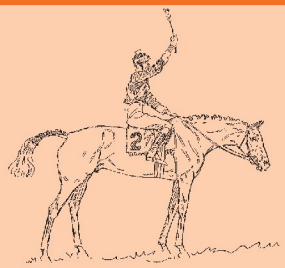

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Frank and Ginny Wright retire from farm life

Huntingfields farm, the showplace 340-acre Thoroughbred establishment in Hampstead, Md., that Frank and Virginia (Ginny) Wright operated for more than 40 years, has been consigned to history.

The Wrights – he is 84, she is 78 – sold the property and on December 1 moved to Brightwood retirement community in Lutherville.

"The decision was made on our own," said Frank Wright. "We thought it was time, given our age."

Breeders of numerous stakes winners, including stellar race mare and graded producer Blue Sky Princess, the Wrights have one child, daughter Liz Holman, who happens to be allergic to horses.

Carrying on Huntingfields was not an option for Holman, a former executive vice-president of Susquehanna Bank who is now retired and living in York, Pa.

Huntingfields was sold privately to Robert Tracey, who owns several farms in the area and plans to use the acreage for crops.

The Wrights' farm manager, Chuck Harris, whom Frank Wright described as "like a son" to them, will continue to live on the property with his wife, Jody, and four children, and will oversee the operation for the new owner.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Meanwhile, the Wrights intend to keep up an active involvement in racing and breeding.

They currently have eight horses with Bowie-based trainer Chris Grove. The most promising member of their racing string is Morumsco, a second-generation homebred 3-year-old Not For Love colt (out of Rich Legacy, by Polish Numbers) who has won or placed in three of his five starts.

Blue Sky Princess (by Conquistador Cielo), in foal to Bluegrass Cat, is one of four broodmares whom the Wrights have retained; all of them are boarded at Columbiana Farm in Paris, Ky., an establishment managed by former Huntingfields manager Homer Rader.

Four 2-year-olds and two yearlings are in various stages of training in South Carolina,

with the goal of joining the Wrights' racing stable.

Frank Wright will also stay involved as a current member of the boards of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Million Ltd.

Wright retired many years ago from his career as owner of York Truck Rental Inc. and regional vice-president of Avis Truck Rental, and along with his wife devoted much of his time and attention to overseeing the breeding and racing operation.

Ironically, the couple celebrated their best racing success with Valay Maid, a filly born and raised at Huntingfields but not bred by the Wrights. From the first crop of Maryland sire Carnivalay, Valay Maid was born from a mare (Nancy's Scout, by West Coast Scout) owned by their then farm manager Joe Hamilton and his wife.

Valay Maid went through the ring as a weanling at the 1987 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December Mixed sale, where the Wrights purchased her for $5,200. Ultimately she won seven stakes, including the Grade 2 Molly Pitcher and Cotillion Handicaps; among her six stakes placings was a third-place finish in the 1990 Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1, the year in which she was voted champion Maryland-bred 3-year-old filly. Her earnings totaled $641,442.

Homebred stakes winners included Trump Mahal ($405,495, Maryland Million Turf, etc.), Blue Sky Princess's son Inner Harbour ($350,936), who stood several seasons at stud in West Virginia while still owned by the Wrights; and Valay Maid's grandson Yankee Wildcat ($270,138), who won back-to-back runnings of the Mister Diz Stakes at ages 6 and 7.

"Horses have been, and still are, our passion," said Ginny Wright, who was raised on a working farm in Carroll County, and once dreamed of a pristine life in suburbia. Crowned farm queen at the Maryland State Fair in 1948, she accepted the title reluctantly.

"I promised the good Lord that if I ever got off that farm, I never, *ever* wanted to live on another one," she recalled. Today, she looks back on Huntingfields as her great pride and joy.

Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference

The eighth annual Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference will be held March 24 and 25 at the Crowne Plaza-Baltimore in Timonium.

Local, national and international nutritionists will share research being conducted at universities, in industry and at government institutions. The equine session will include presentations on both days, with the schedule as follows:

Wednesday, March 24

"Equine metabolic syndrome and laminitis associated with carbohydrate nutrition," Dr. Ray Geor, Michigan State University.

"Divergent immune development in foals and implications for susceptibility to disease," Dr. David Horohov, University of Kentucky.

"Growing a structurally sound equine athlete," Dr. Randy Raub, Purina Feeds.

Thursday, March 25

"The latest information on feeding mares and foals and effects on skeletal development," Dr. Burt Staniar, Penn State University.

"Broodmare nutrition: conception, gestation and lactation," Dr. Tania Cubitt, Performance Horse Nutrition, LLC.

"Feeding and nutritional support of the sick horse," Dr. Iveta Becvarova, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

"Feeding tips for the newborn foal: the healthy, the sick and the orphaned," Dr. Wendy Vaala, Intervet Pharmaceuticals.

"Drug-resistant parasites: a practical approach to a growing problem," Dr. Wendy Vaala, Intervet Pharmaceuticals.

"HYPP and its nutritional management," Dr. Tom Lenz.

"Herbicides in manure: how does it get there and why should I care?" Jeanine Davis, North Carolina State University.

Presentations are designed for veterinarians, trainers, breeders and owners. All attendees will receive conference proceedings, lunch and the opportunity to ask questions of all of the experts. While registration will be accepted at the door, those interested in attending are encouraged to submit their registration before March 15 to avoid late fees.

The conference is a regional event hosted by the Maryland Feed Industry Council, University of Maryland, Pennsylvania State University, University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School, University of Delaware, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers University, West Virginia University, American Feed Industry Association and United States Department of Agriculture.

For more information visit www.manc.umd.edu.

Steele elected second vice-president of Maryland Farm Bureau

Jim Steele, a current director and former president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, has been elected second vice-president of the Maryland Farm Bureau.

A private, non-profit membership organization, the Maryland Farm Bureau, with a membership of approximately 33,000, advocates for the state's farming community in various capacities.

Steele, the longtime manager of the Rooney family's Shamrock Farm in Woodbine, said he will work to ensure that the horse industry continues to have a strong voice within the Farm Bureau.

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Maryland Fund Stakes Recaps

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Our Commander

Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes
$50,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 2-year-olds.
Laurel Park, Dec. 12.

Ch.g., 2007, by Tenpins—Silver Tango, by Silver Badge. Bred and owned by Phillip L. Capuano; trained by Gary A. Capuano. Foaled at Summer Wind Farm, Libertytown, Md.

			Lifetime		
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
7	3 (1)	0	2	$69,880 (through Jan. 2)

2009: 1st $50,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship S,** 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 12.

Phil Capuano made one of the best race horse buys of all time when he purchased Silver Tango (a daughter of the now largely forgotten Maryland sire Silver Badge, by Poker) as a 2-year-old back in 1990.

In a private transaction with breeder Jeanne Begg, Capuano paid $3,800 for the filly, who went on to win 17 of 47 starts, including 10 stakes, for career earnings of $473,242.

Twenty years later, that investment is still paying dividends for the Capuano family.

Our Commander, the next-to-last foal from Silver Tango, delivered a breakout performance in the Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes on December 12 at Laurel Park.

Sent off as third choice, at odds of 3.8-1, the homebred bobbled at the start and was reserved off the early pace set by favorite Petecarol in the seven and a half-furlong event.

A premature move to the front by Nick Petro, the rider of second choice Not Abroad, left the door open for a late challenge from Our Commander and jockey Josean Ramirez, who hooked Not Abroad in deep stretch and edged to the front to win with more authority than the margin of victory indicated.

Bill Backer homebreds Baileys Beach and First Nite, coupled as an entry for trainer Hamilton Smith, and well back early, finished third and fourth, respectively. Next, in order of finish, were Regal Warrior, Morumsco and Petecarol.

The race was completed in 1:31.78.

"The last three sixteenths I started asking him," said Ramirez. "I wasn't moving very much but then I kept riding and riding like it was going to be the last race ever and just won it. I've been working him every morning. I can see him improving a lot. He's a nice little horse."

Trained by Gary Capuano, a son of the owner, Our Commander (by Tenpins) was getting his third win in a row.

He broke his maiden in his fourth try and first appearance at Laurel, while racing for a $40,000 tag on September 25. After that, Our Commander returned to air by six and a half lengths in allowance company at Laurel on October 24.

Silver Tango has had eight foals to race, and seven of them are winners. She is the dam of additional stakes performers Dale's Prospect (2001, Pioneering; $344,664, Taking Risks S, etc.) and Scarlet Tango (1998, French Deputy; $99,493, 2nd Laura Gal S).

Capuano bred Silver Tango to a different stallion each time, choosing matings that appeared to be a good fit based on pedigree. Silver Tango's first foal was an Unbridled filly named Untangled who sold for $160,000 at the 1996 Keeneland July Yearling sale but never raced.

Her final foal, a 2-year-old colt by Love of Money named Bumpy Road, is being broken in Delaware in order to become Delaware Certified.

Silver Tango's 2009 foal was stillborn two weeks before her due date. The mare was subsequently pensioned at Jerry and Laurie Calhoun's Summer Wind Farm in Libertytown, Md.

That's How I Roll

Maryland Filly Championship Stakes
$50,000-guaranteed, 7½ fur., registered Maryland-bred 3-year-old fillies.
Laurel Park, Jan. 1.

Dk.b./br.f., 2007, by Speightstown—Chatter Chatter, by Lost Soldier. Bred by Dark Hollow Farm, George Harris and William DeBurgh; owned by Vision Racing LLC; trained by Kiaran P. McLaughlin. Foaled at Dark Hollow Farm, Upperco, Md.

			Lifetime		
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
7	2 (1)	1 (1)	1	$76,506 (through Jan. 1)

2009: 2nd **Junior Champion S. 2010:** 1st $50,000 **Maryland Filly Championship S,** 7½ fur., registered Md.-bred 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Jan. 1.

Originally scheduled for December 19 (the last day on the 2009 Maryland racing calendar), the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes was whited out by a blizzard that dropped as much as two feet of snow on the Baltimore-Washington corridor.

The race emerged under a new name – the Maryland Filly Championship Stakes – when racing resumed at Laurel Park on January 1. And it also had new conditions, because the entries were all turning 3 as of that date.

That's How I Roll, bred in partnership by David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm and sold for $160,000 at the 2008 Keeneland September Yearling sale, blitzed her

JIM MCCUE

rivals in her first appearance in her home state.

Owned by Vision Racing LLC (a partnership operation headed by Brandon and Diannah Perry and John and Jill Stephens of Lexington, Ky.), That's How I Roll is trained in New York by Kiaran McLaughlin.

Dispatched as third choice in the field of 10, That's How I Roll assumed an early lead in the Filly Championship and dominated the seven and a half-furlong contest, prevailing by three and a quarter lengths under Erick Rodriguez. Longshot Star Anna rallied for second, a neck to the good of Spoken in French.

The remaining order of finish consisted of Smart Tori, Tough Talkin Lady, Miss Speak, Popeye's Lady, Favored Lady, 5-2 favorite Molly Molly Molly and second choice Jim's Prospect.

Final time was 1:32.37 over a muddy (sealed) surface.

The Haydens and partners George Harris and Will DeBurgh purchased That's How I Roll's dam, Chatter Chatter (by Lost Soldier), for $320,000 at the 2005 Keeneland November sale. The mare was carrying her first foal, a Speightstown filly named Chattertown, at the time.

The partners quickly realized a return on the mare's offspring at auction. Chattertown sold for $105,000 at the 2007 Keeneland September Yearling sale, and was resold for $250,000 at the 2008 Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's March sale of 2-year-olds in training. She is stakes-placed, having finished second in last year's Dearly Precious Stakes, with career earnings of $79,882.

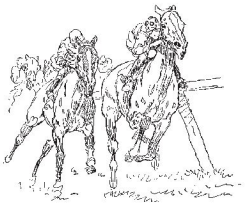
Chatter Chatter's second foal – That's How I Roll – was originally purchased by a Vision partnership; she went through the ring at the 2009 Fasig-Tipton Florida February 2-year-olds in training sale on a bid of $235,000, where she was transferred from one phase of the Vision enterprise to another.

Chatter Chatter delivered one more foal at the Haydens' Dark Hollow Farm in Upperco, Md. – a now 2-year-old Bluegrass Cat filly – before being sold for $160,000, in foal to Malibu Moon, at the 2008 Keeneland November sale.

The Bluegrass Cat filly, as yet unnamed, is in training with Jerry Hollendorfer in California, and is owned in partnership by Hollendorfer, the Haydens, Harris and DeBurgh.

That's How I Roll won her second start, in maiden special weight company at Belmont Park on July 1. McLaughlin wheeled her back in the Schuylerville Stakes-G3 at Saratoga on July 29, and she failed to measure up in the race won by Hot Dixie Chick. But in her next outing, on August 29, she finished second (to Kid Kate) in Monmouth Park's Junior Champion Stakes.

In seven career starts, she has earned $76,506.



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Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks from November 30 to December 18, 2009.

Squan Song Handicap

December 5. Purse $50,000-guaranteed. For 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-breds, non-winners of a sweepstakes. 7 fur. 11 competed. (Closed with 20 nominations.) Winner: STERLING VOW, by Broken Vow. Breeder bonus: At Last Farm LLC ($3,750). Stallion bonus: None. Second: FASCINATIN' RHYTHM, by More Than Ready. Breeder bonus: Buckingham Farm ($1,250). Stallion bonus: None. Third: HEAVEN'S VOICE, by Lion Hearted. Breeder bonus: Yigal Rappaport ($687.50). Stallion bonus: Lion Hearted Syndicate ($343.75). Fourth: LUCKY YOU, by Best of Luck. Breeder bonus: Estate of Mrs. Richard C. duPont and John Franks ($375). Stallion bonus: None.

Maryland Juvenile Championship Stakes

December 12. Purse $50,000-guaranteed. For 2-year-olds, registered Maryland-breds. 7½ fur. 7 competed. (Closed with 15 nominations.) Winner: OUR COMMANDER, by Tenpins. Breeder bonus: Phil Capuano ($3,750). Stallion bonus: None. Second: NOT ABROAD, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Bowman and Higgins Stable, Tom Sutton and Huckleberry Farm ($1,250). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate ($625). Third: BAILEYS BEACH, by Out of Place. Breeder bonus: William M. Backer ($687.50). Stallion bonus: None. Fourth: FIRST NITE, by Black Tie Affair (Ire). Breeder bonus: William M. Backer ($375). Stallion bonus: None.

Breeder bonuses

At Last Farm LLC—STERLING VOW: Dec. 5, 8th race, $3,750.

William M. Backer—BAILEYS BEACH: Dec. 12, 8th race, $687.50. FAVORED LADY: Dec. 5, 2nd race, $1,710. FIRST NITE: Dec. 12, 8th race, $375. ($2,772.50)

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Bohemia Stable—MARVIN GILES: Dec. 5, 6th race, $2,137.50.

Bonita Farm—PLEZE MR PRESIDENT: Dec. 17, 5th race, $855.

Bonita Farm and Karen Dempsey—SWEAR ALLEGIANCE: Dec. 2, 9th race, $712.50.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—COUNT ON LOU: Dec. 16, 4th race, $1,140.

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Buckingham Farm—FASCINATIN' RHYTHM: Dec. 5, 8th race, $1,250.

Phil Capuano—OUR COMMANDER: Dec. 12, 8th race, $3,750.

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Barbara Ryan—RHEMA: Dec. 4, 9th race, $712.50.

Seaside Stable—SHARP LIONESS: Dec. 12, 5th race, $997.50.

Arnold Smolen—DZ'S BUDDY: Dec. 11, 1st race, $641.25.

Tanterra Stables—OUTQUEST: Dec. 3, 7th race, $1,425.

Thornmar Farm LLC—WARRIOR FATHER: Dec. 4, 5th race, $570.

Costas N. Triantafilos—RAINBOW INTHESTORM: Dec. 12, 7th race, $712.50.

Willow Oaks Stables LLC—ALICE IS A TEN: Dec. 17, 6th race, $1,995.

Wirth Brothers—ON BOARD CHARADE: Dec. 9, 2nd race, $1,425.

Owner bonuses

William M. Backer—FAVORED LADY: Dec. 5, 2nd race, $1,368.

Sondra D. Bender—LONDON LANE: Dec. 16, 2nd race, $912.

Lindy Clark—MINER MISTAKE: Dec. 12, 6th race, $1,026.

Cordelia Stables—SEEKING A RAINBOW: Dec. 5, 9th race, $456.

Mrs. Janon Fisher III—VOEUX: Dec. 11, 3rd race, $684.

Happy Hour Stable—SECRET INFATUATION: Dec. 9, 6th race, $1,596.

Frank Henson—ESSENCEOFTHEMOON: Dec. 9, 8th race, $1,710.

High Five Stable—TRUE ZIP: Dec. 3, 1st race, $1,596.

The Jim Stable—AH DAY: Dec. 18, 8th race, $2,280.

Landslide Farm—BOLD CROSSING: Dec. 18, 9th race, $456.

Morris Stable LLC—PETER'S CREEK: Dec. 2, 8th race, $1,368.

Pieces of Eight Stable and Bonita Farm—PLEZE MR PRESIDENT: Dec. 17, 5th race, $684.

Michele C. Sanger—MARVIN GILES: Dec. 5, 6th race, $1,710.

Arnold K. Smolen and Adam M. Smolen—DZ'S BUDDY: Dec. 11, 1st race, $513.

Spring Meadow Farm—RON'S PARTNER: Dec. 11, 5th race, $570.

Tanterra Stables—OUTQUEST: Dec. 3, 7th race, $1,140.

Three Diamonds Farm—ALICE IS A TEN: Dec. 17, 6th race, $1,596.

Phillip J. Torsney—WARRIOR FATHER: Dec. 4, 5th race, $456.

Warwick Stable—HEAVENSTMURGATROID: Dec. 2, 4th race, $1,368; Dec. 17, 8th race, $1,710. ($3,078)

Wirth Brothers—ON BOARD CHARADE: Dec. 9, 2nd race, $1,140.

Stallion bonuses

AWAD (Let Me Be Frank: Dec. 9, 1st race, $356.25): Awad Syndicate.

BOWMAN'S BAND (Dz's Buddy: Dec. 11, 1st race, $320.63. Northpoint Costas: Dec. 9, 5th race, $356.25): Maryland Stallion Station and Martin Schwartz—$676.88.

CITIDANCER (Apron Dancer: Dec. 2, 2nd race, $356.25): Country Life Farm.

CRYPTO STAR (Eyes of Eire: Dec. 16, 7th race, $427.50. Star Mom: Dec. 16, 5th race, $356.25): Crypto Star Syndicate—$783.75.

DIAMOND (Our Diamond Mine: Dec. 4, 3rd race, $285): Diamond Syndicate.

FANTASTICAT (Heavenstmurgatroid: Dec. 2, 4th race, $855; Dec. 17, 8th race, $1,068.75): Fantasticat Syndicate—$1,923.75.

LION HEARTED (Favored Lady: Dec. 5, 2nd race, $855. Heaven's Voice: Dec. 5, 8th race, $343.75. Marvin Giles: Dec. 5, 6th race, $1,068.75. Sharp Lioness: Dec. 12, 5th race, $498.75. Voeux: Dec. 11, 3rd race, $427.50): Lion Hearted Syndicate—$3,193.75.

LOUIS QUATORZE (Peter's Creek: Dec. 2, 8th race, $855): Louis Quatorze Syndicate.

NOT FOR LOVE (Love in Paris: Dec. 9, 3rd race, $356.25. Not Abroad: Dec. 12, 8th race, $625. Secret Infatuation: Dec. 9, 6th race, $997.50): Not For Love Syndicate—$1,978.75.

ORATORY (On Board Charade: Dec. 9, 2nd race, $712.50): Country Life Farm and Darley.

SPECIAL $5,000 BONUS PAYMENTS

MSW PAYMENTS (November 30 - December 18, 2009):
Happy Hour Stable; High Five Stable; Three Diamonds Farm.

A-Other-Than PAYMENTS (November 30 - December 18, 2009):
Michele C. Sanger; Warwick Stable.

OUTFLANKER (Outquest: Dec. 3, 7th race, $712.50): Outflanker Syndicate.

PARTNER'S HERO (Ron's Partner: Dec. 11, 5th race, $356.25): Partner's Hero Syndicate.

POLISH MINER (Bold Crossing: Dec. 18, 9th race, $285. Miner Mistake: Dec. 12, 6th race, $641.25. Pleze Mr President: Dec. 17, 5th race, $427.50): Polish Miner Syndicate—$1,353.75.

REGAL AMERICAN (Tommie's Star: Dec. 4, 1st race, $356.25): Marilyn S. Ketts.

SEEKING DAYLIGHT (Seeking a Rainbow: Dec. 5, 9th race, $285): Seeking Daylight Syndicate.

SWEAR BY DIXIE (Swear Allegiance: Dec. 2, 9th race, $356.25): Swear by Dixie Partnership.

TWO PUNCH (Rhema: Dec. 4, 9th race, $356.25): Two Punch Syndicate.

YARROW BRAE (Warrior Father: Dec. 4, 5th race, $285): Yarrow Brae Syndicate.

Maryland-bred Stakes Winners

Digger takes bite of Big Apple

Repole Stable's Digger led nearly every step and held off favored Pashito the Che in the closing strides to score by a nose in the $65,000 Gravesend Handicap on December 26 at Aqueduct.

Ridden by Anna Napravnik, the son of Yonaguska went to the front right after the break, setting fractions of :23.84 and :47.02 with Pashito the Che in close pursuit. Opening up by daylight as the field of seven headed for home, Digger began drifting out in deep stretch but had enough left to turn back the 3-5 favorite's late flurry, completing the six furlongs in 1:11.66 over an inner track rated fast.

"He's always in front, so the last part of the race is always a question mark," said trainer Bruce Brown. "He makes you sweat, no doubt about it. But he loves the inner track, even more so today with the moisture in it. I liked his chances."

Sent off at 3.10-1 as part of an entry with The Roundhouse, Digger returned $8.20 for a $2 win bet as he earned $41,730. The victory was his fourth in nine starts as a 5-year-old in 2009, and extended his lifetime record to 12-7-3 from 31 starts. His earnings now total $413,278.

"He's a pretty game horse," said Napravnik. "He's a good old warrior."

The victory was the first stakes win in New York for the Maryland-bred, who as a 3-year-old won the Deputed Testamony and Northern Dancer Stakes and Jennings Handicap at Laurel Park. Brown, who took over Digger's training in October, said he had no immediate plans for the gelding but said he intended on keeping him in New York for the winter.

Pashito the Che, whose three-race win streak came to a halt in the race, was a length ahead of Starforaday, who in turn was followed by Laysh Laysh Laysh, The Roundhouse, Gold Trippi and Joey P.

Digger was bred by Skeedattle Associates, a partnership of Marylanders Willie White, Lou Rehak and Bob Orndoff, who campaigned 2000 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Gin Talking. He is the first foal from his dam, Da Choice (by Dehere), whom Skeedattle purchased for $70,000 at the 2001 Keeneland September Yearling sale. A half-sister to graded winner Millie's Quest, Da Choice was unraced.

Digger was claimed from Skeedattle while making his second career start, for a $25,000 maiden claiming tag, in November of his 2-year-old season at Laurel. Since July 2008, Digger has been claimed twice, most recently by his current owner for $50,000 on June 17, 2009, at Belmont Park.

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Maryland's top 20 earners in 2009

(through December 31)

1. Richard's Kid	$732,840	11. Heros Reward	$158,530
2. Not for Silver	263,020	12. Digger	145,030
3. Homeboykris	260,550	13. Our Partner	137,220
4. Encaustic	255,335	14. Roaring Lion	131,170
5. Blind Date	207,000	15. Apple Special	127,600
6. Sumacha'hot	197,660	16. Target Sighted	127,430
7. All Giving	194,900	17. Toboggan Slide	121,000
8. Amazed by Grace	188,650	18. Five Diamonds	119,660
9. Great Love	169,575	19. Ask the Moon	115,700
10. Ah Day	166,920	20. Court Band	111,730

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by Bloodstock Research Information Services (BRIS), these statistics were compiled on December 31. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2009. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2009

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	214	1,439	125	213	$6,117,580
Lion Hearted	179	1,166	91	155	3,523,060
Louis Quatorze	157	1,052	75	142	2,583,650
Outflanker	121	945	71	134	2,547,070
Two Punch	100	600	50	82	1,565,230
Go for Gin	63	444	31	63	1,384,360
Mojave Moon	77	618	38	74	1,360,100
Rock Slide	60	335	27	44	1,233,210
Domestic Dispute	75	407	36	54	1,163,420
Allen's Prospect	52	377	26	47	938,650
Crowd Pleaser	37	222	17	30	669,864
Seeking Daylight	37	174	16	27	627,895
Great Notion	28	156	16	25	616,651
Citidancer	25	155	14	22	447,008
Eastern Echo	32	190	10	18	418,681

2-year-old earnings in 2009

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	23	96	11	16	$644,699
†Oratory	23	92	16	16	380,891
Lion Hearted	23	79	9	12	357,164
†Dance With Ravens	34	126	8	10	347,998
Louis Quatorze	21	72	9	12	295,943
Domestic Dispute	29	94	7	9	219,997
Rock Slide	13	43	3	5	207,952
†Fantasticat	9	26	4	8	119,811
†Gators N Bears	16	50	5	7	117,260
Two Punch	10	37	3	3	79,942

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	927	23,058	768	3,341	$53,967,400
Not For Love	566	10,977	445	1,714	48,259,500
Two Punch	799	15,414	622	2,338	47,180,100
Polish Numbers	439	9,084	362	1,342	32,730,400
Carnivalay	494	13,277	405	1,815	30,340,600
Smarten	507	12,411	388	1,693	27,127,700
Horatius	590	15,141	470	1,925	26,594,500
Waquoit	459	10,887	351	1,471	25,870,500
Citidancer	296	6,914	254	1,196	25,019,500
Louis Quatorze	458	7,732	323	1,043	23,000,100
Eastern Echo	413	8,364	289	1,096	22,217,100
Norquestor	293	8,731	252	1,242	20,943,900
Deputed Testamony	352	10,183	267	1,402	18,484,000
Outflanker	292	5,626	223	846	17,799,200
Oh Say	418	10,061	353	1,472	17,589,700

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Allen's Prospect	458	1,558	175	240	$5,629,410
Two Punch	391	1,265	155	192	5,021,340
Not For Love	257	828	100	135	4,841,800
Smarten	278	1,195	112	157	3,769,760
Polish Numbers	229	700	84	122	3,672,570
Citidancer	153	575	82	124	3,220,990
Eastern Echo	220	812	73	100	3,032,700
Louis Quatorze	235	732	72	92	2,838,510
Carnivalay	249	1,010	88	122	2,480,130
Outflanker	167	691	71	97	2,424,780
Lion Hearted	148	486	59	84	2,248,590
Waquoit	197	680	56	81	1,920,960
Horatius	267	991	99	134	1,642,260
Oh Say	152	574	65	90	1,457,000
Norquestor	136	508	47	64	1,316,410

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TBANJ election results

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey has elected three directors to serve on the Board of Trustees: Peter Roberts (an incumbent), Joe Jennings and Robert Matthies.

The election results were announced during the TBANJ annual year-end membership meeting held on December 2 at the Colts Neck Inn.

Roberts's major objectives have been to make it more attractive for breeders to foal their mares in New Jersey, and to help improve the quality of New Jersey Thoroughbreds. Along those lines, he initiated important program rule changes during his first term on the board of trustees. Roberts sponsored the recent amendment regarding broodmare residency. Mares must reside in New Jersey continuously from November 1 to foaling; previously, the return date was September 1.

Roberts also sponsored the proposed new rule, modeled after a Kentucky rule, relating to extraordinary medical situations. It allows stallions and pregnant mares to be temporarily transported out of state for veterinary care during the required residency period without interrupting their New Jersey status.

Joe Jennings has owned and operated Walnford Stud in Allentown for 30 years. The farm currently stands the stallions Defrere, Crafty Friend and Iron Deputy. Jennings is firmly entrenched in the New Jersey breeding industry and has served several terms as a TBANJ board member during the last 20 years. He believes that Thoroughbred breeders must work hand-in-hand with the race tracks to help expand our industry's popularity. He intends to work to make sure we continue to preserve our unique breeders' awards program and try to find ways to permanently fund it.

Robert Matthies realized his lifelong goal of breeding Thoroughbreds, and has become active in breeding operations. He will bring his passion for the industry coupled with proven leadership and a strong knowledge of the legislative process along with the experience of working collaboratively to value opposing viewpoints to develop consensus and resolution.

Matthies intends to "hit the ground running" and work in concert with the TBANJ president, executive director and trustees to do everything possible to ensure necessary funding for our breeder's awards. He feels that every effort to sustain and increase the funding levels is necessary to ensure the long-term viability of our industry through a strong New Jersey-bred incentive program that must resonate from our association and earn support from all segments of our industry.

Rutgers Equine Science Center announces horse management seminar

"So you want to keep your horse sound?" is the theme of a horse management seminar to be hosted by the Rutgers Equine Science Center and Rutgers Cooperative Extension from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on February 7.

The seminar is designed as an introduction for anyone who owns or is thinking about owning a horse, according to Dr. Carey Williams, extension equine specialist and associate director of extension for the Equine Science Center. Keeping a horse sound is vital to horse health and overall well-being.

"Our goal in presenting this workshop is to provide unbiased scientific information that will be beneficial to owners and their horses," said Williams.

Presenters who are recognized as experts in their field will offer personal insight and perspectives.

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Topics will include biomechanics and physiotherapy, leg care tips, rehabilitation from injury, unwanted horses and responsible horse ownership. A panel with the presenters will round up the "sound horse" focus areas.

In addition to the educational presentations, the seminar will feature informational displays, networking opportunities with industry companies and area organizations, and opportunities for one-on-one discussions with the presenters.

Way With Words honored by New Jersey Department of Agriculture

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George and Margaret Schwartz's homebred Way With Words, a winner of three of her nine starts last year, has been named the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's New Jersey-bred Thoroughbred of the Year for 2009.

Trained by Mary Eppler, Way With Words (Sefapiano—Swiftly Tilting, by Belong to Me) showed her versatility by winning three stakes races as a 5-year-old in 2009, each at a different distance.

She captured the $60,000 Spruce Fir Handicap at a mile and 70 yards on July 12 at Monmouth Park for her first stakes victory of the season. On August 23, she blew away the competition by four lengths in the $75,000 Eleven North Handicap at six furlongs. Then she came right back to win the $70,000 Politely Stakes at Monmouth Park on September 20 at a mile and a sixteenth.

Way With Words finished the year with $177,140 in earnings, bringing her lifetime total to $381,490.

Way With Words is a granddaughter of the top-performing race mare Tiltalating (by Tilt Up), a Grade 1 winner who counted a victory in Monmouth Park's Sorority Stakes-G2 among her 12 stakes wins and placings.

New Jersey-bred 40 percent bonus earnings

October 18 to December 5

The following is a list of the 40 percent bonus earnings of all New Jersey-breds racing at Meadowlands from October 18 to December 5.
Race date; horse; race, placement; purse; purse share + 40 percent bonus (total purse share)

October 19—DISCREET INTERVIEW: 1st race, 3rd; $16,000; $1,920 + $704 ($2,624)

October 19—DOUBLE DRIBBLE: 5th race, 2nd; $17,000; $3,400 + $1,360 ($4,760)

October 20—MISS TEN OAKS: 4th race, 1st; $18,000; $10,800 + $4,320 ($15,120)

October 20—CAT MISTRESS: 5th race, 2nd; $42,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

October 20—STOOGES FAN: 8th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

October 22—MI MINNALOUSHE: 1st race, 1st; $10,000; $6,000 + $2,400 ($8,400)

October 22—BELLE DORADA: 1st race, 2nd; $10,000; $2,000 + $800 ($2,800)

October 22—SKIP AND TELL: 1st race, 3rd; $10,000; $1,200 + $440 ($1,640)

October 22—TOORALOORACOLLORA: 2nd race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $0 ($8,400)

October 22—HEARTBREAK TRAIL: 2nd race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

October 23—JUST A LION: 5th race, 3rd; $17,000; $2,040 + $748 ($2,788)

October 23—LUCKY JAMES: 7th race, 1st; $65,000; $39,000 + $15,000 ($54,000)

October 23—SALTA SAPO: 9th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

October 24—LOCKUP: 2nd race, 3rd; $20,000; $2,200 + $880 ($3,080)

October 24—STARLIT MOON: 3rd race, 3rd; $38,000; $4,560 + $1,672 ($6,232)

October 27—CONTENDERE: 1st race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

October 27—SALMON RUN: 2nd race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

October 27—JERSEY BROTHER: 3rd race, 3rd; $21,000; $2,310 + $924 ($3,234)

October 27—AGARICUS: 4th race, 3rd; $18,000; $2,160 + $792 ($2,952)

October 29—ROUGH ROAD AHEAD: 3rd race, 1st; $34,000; $20,400 + $8,160 ($28,560)

October 30—MING DYNASTY: 1st race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

October 30—COLONIAL LEGACY: 2nd race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

October 30—MI CUGAT: 2nd race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

October 30—DANCE FOR JOY: 4th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

October 30—WYATTSAN: 6th race, 1st; $20,000; $12,000 + $4,800 ($16,800)

October 30—STRAITFROMTHEHEART: 9th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

October 31—WILD SAGE: 2nd race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

October 31—HOP SKIP AND AWAY: 5th race, 1st; $42,000; $25,200 + $10,080 ($35,280)

October 31—TOWNSHIP CAT: 5th race, 3rd; $42,000; $5,040 + $1,848 ($6,888)

November 2—JUST A LION: 6th race, 3rd; $15,000; $1,800 + $660 ($2,460)

November 2—KRISTINA: 8th race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

November 3—HELLO ANDREW: 1st race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

November 3—EMILY ALLSTAR: 3rd race, 1st; $42,000; $25,200 + $10,080 ($35,280)

November 3—GENERAL PERFECT: 7th race, 3rd; $42,000; $5,040 + $1,848 ($6,888)

November 5—ELITE MISS: 3rd race, 1st; $20,000; $12,000 + $4,800 ($16,800)

November 5—SKY PIE: 6th race, 3rd; $24,000; $2,640 + $1,056 ($3,696)

November 6—SCHOOL MARM: 3rd race, 3rd; $11,000; $1,320 + $484 ($1,804)

November 7—REAL DUDE: 2nd race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

November 7—SHUGA COUNTY: 9th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

November 9—UNDIGNIFIED: 5th race, 3rd; $19,000; $2,280 + $836 ($3,116)

November 10—WILD SAGE: 6th race, 2nd; $20,000; $4,000 + $1,600 ($5,600)

November 12—BIG CITY PAT: 1st race, 2nd; $20,000; $4,000 + $1,600 ($5,600)

November 12—SALTA SAPO: 8th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

November 13—SUSANS FIND: 1st race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

November 13—MIKES BET: 3rd race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

November 13—UNCOMMON PLEASURE: 3rd race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

November 13—CHOCOLATE BLUSH: 4th race, 1st; $41,000; $24,600 + $9,840 ($34,440)

November 13—MYPRINCESSALLYSON: 4th race, 2nd; $41,000; $8,200 + $3,280 ($11,480)

November 14—MING DYNASTY: 9th race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

November 14—CRAFTY WAYNE: 9th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

November 16—DELICIOUS STORM: 2nd race, 2nd; $13,000; $2,600 + $1,040 ($3,640)

November 16—BEARLY ENOUGH: 3rd race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

November 16—HEARTSFOREVERFIRE: 6th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

November 19—MI CUGAT: 1st race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

November 19—LANAVE: 1st race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

November 19—EMILY ALLSTAR: 5th race, 3rd; $48,000; $5,280 + $2,112 ($7,392)

November 19—TOWNSHIP CAT: 7th race, 2nd; $42,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

November 20—MI MINNALOUSHE: 9th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

November 20—GAELIC JOURNEY: 9th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

November 21—STOOGES FAN: 4th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

November 23—GORGIE G.: 1st race, 1st; $19,000; $11,400 + $4,560 ($15,960)

November 23—PRINCESS MADELINE: 8th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,520 + $1,120 ($3,640)

November 24—HERMOSILLO: 3rd race, 1st; $48,000; $28,800 + $11,520 ($40,320)

November 24—MANNY DIABLO: 8th race, 3rd; $10,000; $1,100 + $440 ($1,540)

November 27—HELLO ANDREW: 1st race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

November 27—G'S ELEKTRA: 5th race, 3rd; $10,000; $1,100 + $440 ($1,540)

November 27—AT THE DISCO: 8th race, 1st; $65,000; $39,000 + $15,000 ($54,000)

November 27—LOCKUP: 9th race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

November 28—BELLE DORADA: 1st race, 1st; $10,000; $6,000 + $2,400 ($8,400)

November 28—LATE FOR CLASS: 3rd race, 1st; $13,000; $7,800 + $3,120 ($10,920)

November 28—AFTERNOON TREAT: 5th race, 3rd; $32,000; $3,840 + $1,408 ($5,248)

November 28—SUSANS FIND: 9th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,400 + $616 ($2,016)

November 30—STRAIGHT NO CHASER: 1st race, 1st; $13,000; $7,800 + $3,120 ($10,920)

November 30—MING DYNASTY: 4th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $1,120 ($3,920)

November 30—BEACON BEACH: 5th race, 3rd; $19,000; $2,090 + $836 ($2,926)

November 30—LIVIN FASTFORWARD: 6th race, 1st; $41,000; $24,600 + $9,840 ($34,440)

November 30—WHO'S THE COWBOY: 7th race, 3rd; $48,000; $5,760 + $2,112 ($7,872)

November 30—JEANNE'S JACKPOT: 8th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

November 30—CRAFTY WAYNE: 8th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

December 1—JOHN'S PIC: 4th race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

December 1—AMERICAN ROMANCE: 6th race, 2nd; $41,000; $8,200 + $3,280 ($11,480)

December 3—ONE WILD BELL: 4th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

December 3—DECUE: 4th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

December 4—MI CUGAT: 3rd race, 2nd; $20,000; $4,000 + $1,600 ($5,600)

December 4—MR BILLY N MR S: 5th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,800 + $0 ($2,800)

December 4—THE MAN CAN STEP: 6th race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

December 4—MIKES BET: 6th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

December 4—DANCE FOR JOY: 6th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,540 + $616 ($2,156)

December 4—CLEAR FAITH: 7th race, 3rd; $32,000; $3,840 + $1,408 ($5,248)

December 4—MY HONEY B: 9th race, 2nd; $14,000; $2,660 + $1,120 ($3,780)

December 5—COLLEENJAS: 1st race, 2nd; $10,000; $2,000 + $800 ($2,800)

December 5—AGARICUS: 3rd race, 2nd; $23,000; $4,600 + $1,840 ($6,440)

December 5—SKY PIE: 3rd race, 3rd; $23,000; $2,530 + $1,012 ($3,542)

December 5—MY CHARMING PHIL: 5th race, 3rd; $17,000; $2,040 + $748 ($2,788)

December 5—JERSEY BROTHER: 7th race, 3rd; $38,000; $4,180 + $1,672 ($5,852)

December 5—ROCK SLIDE LUCY: 10th race, 1st; $14,000; $8,400 + $3,360 ($11,760)

December 5—SALTA SAPO: 10th race, 3rd; $14,000; $1,680 + $616 ($2,296)

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2009 Pennsylvania Breeding Fund Program Awards

Leading Award Recipients January 1 through November 30, 2009 - Disbursements Total $6,822,686

Breeding Fund + PA Bonus Disbursements + Restricted Purses + Stakes Total = $15,671,778 (rounded)

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
Sylmar Farm Inc	212,104	0	8,580	220,684
William J Solomon VMD	108,421	105,441	0	213,862
Xanthus Farms Inc	118,459	65,289	0	183,748
George Strawbridge Jr	171,116	0	0	171,116
Judith M Barrett	140,859	26,614	0	167,472
Michael Jester	94,941	40,211	654	135,806
Charles A Cuprill	81,257	27,086	720	109,063
Regal Heir Farms / Tom Reigle	10,289	97,530	0	107,819
Castle Rock Farm	86,609	0	0	86,609
Shirley A Lojeski	60,243	23,523	0	83,766
Welcome Here Farm LLC	81,340	0	0	81,340
E & D Enterprises	79,362	0	0	79,362
Frances Hartwell	78,395	0	0	78,395
SUN Corp	76,138	0	0	76,138
Smart Angle LLP	67,999	0	0	67,999
Pandora Farms LLC	63,451	0	0	63,451
Bettina L Jenney	63,066	0	0	63,066
Denise McHenry Dommel	60,348	0	0	60,348
P F N Fanning	59,728	0	0	59,728
Edward Hudson Lane III	57,480	0	0	57,480
David B Anderson	39,829	11,676	966	52,471
Charles C. D. McGill	52,363	0	0	52,363
Pewter Stable	50,571	400	0	50,971
Hidden Meadows Farm LLC	49,234	0	0	49,234
Peter Giangiulio	24,041	25,154	0	49,195
Barbara J Geraghty	11,773	35,850	0	47,623
Judith Z Dinatale	46,892	0	0	46,892
Regal Heir Farms Inc	2,421	44,013	0	46,434
E Marie Morrison	44,215	0	0	44,215
Joseph Besecker	39,442	0	4,500	43,942
Peter P Zanette	43,007	0	0	43,007
Thomas C LeVine	42,604	0	0	42,604
Paula Capestro	42,232	0	0	42,232
Golden Oak Farm LLC	41,893	0	0	41,893
Robert A Szeyller	39,225	0	0	39,225
Tea Party Stable Inc	28,814	8,012	1,680	38,506
Ronald H. Parker	38,465	0	0	38,465
Bonnie Ratajski	37,164	0	900	38,064
Equivine Farm Inc	35,409	0	0	35,409
John Gambone Sr	34,918	0	0	34,918
Flint W Stites	25,590	8,129	900	34,618
Richard H Bosshard Jr	33,108	0	780	33,888
Robert M Bouse	33,677	0	0	33,677
Helen N Stearns	19,058	13,777	0	32,835
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	31,975	0	0	31,975
Michael E Lauer Racing	31,176	0	0	31,176
Daniel J Ljoka	28,585	2,234	0	30,820
Maui Meadow Farm	26,195	3,536	600	30,331
Michael Desaye	30,130	0	0	30,130
Lindsay C F Scott	30,015	0	0	30,015
Jimmy G Newkoop	29,424	0	0	29,424
Lawrence Stables Inc	29,291	0	0	29,291

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
Briter Farm	28,972	0	0	28,972
EQB Inc	28,676	0	0	28,676
Marcia Lee Wolfe	25,660	0	2,706	28,366
Lydee D Shea	28,206	0	0	28,206
Shelly Cassel	27,506	0	0	27,506
David Bienstock	27,194	0	0	27,194
Dr Scott A McManus VMD	27,165	0	0	27,165
Dr S Mark Rayburg Inc	26,944	0	0	26,944
Glenn E Brok	26,866	0	0	26,866
Gilbert G Campbell	25,968	0	0	25,968
Cynthia J Darrah-Hipple	25,418	0	0	25,418
Colby Fields LLC	25,352	0	0	25,352
Richard Molineaux	25,284	0	0	25,284
Joseph Kratowicz	24,032	1,036	0	25,068
Spinnaker Hill Upland Farm	24,824	0	0	24,824
M Roy Jackson	24,356	0	0	24,356
Lori D Swatsworth	23,967	0	0	23,967
Five Of Us Farm Inc	23,891	0	0	23,891
Phyllis M Wyeth	23,733	0	0	23,733
Gary Craig	23,686	0	0	23,686
Richard N Miller	16,320	7,047	0	23,367
Two Sisters' Farm Inc	23,212	0	0	23,212
Karen S Farrar	22,896	0	0	22,896
Michael Chovanes	22,824	0	0	22,824
Michael Stephen Furr	22,816	0	0	22,816
Michael J Moran	22,797	0	0	22,797
Thomas M Giangiulio Sr	22,688	0	0	22,688
Circle T Thoroughbreds Inc	22,412	0	0	22,412
Barbara S Brown	22,408	0	0	22,408
Thoroughbred Associates LLP	22,110	0	0	22,110
Chickridge LLC	21,765	0	0	21,765
Guy Marcus Trolinger	21,747	0	0	21,747
Chain Bridge Stable LLC	21,459	0	0	21,459
Roberta Seeger	14,267	7,036	0	21,303
Kimberlite Race Farm LLC	21,231	0	0	21,231
Herold Whylie	21,163	0	0	21,163
Toni M Kirwan	20,680	0	0	20,680
Arrowwood Farm Inc	20,218	0	0	20,218
Patricia Ann Fullmer	14,922	4,974	0	19,896
Victoria Marie Herlinger	8,442	11,388	0	19,830
Kathryn Goldenberg	19,814	0	0	19,814
Anne F Thorington	19,738	0	0	19,738
William L Pape	19,504	0	0	19,504
PAR 3 Stables Inc	19,253	0	0	19,253
Ashwell Stables Inc	18,992	0	0	18,992
Circle S Ranch	18,747	0	0	18,747
Russell B Jones Jr	18,720	0	0	18,720
William E Riddle Jr	18,589	0	0	18,589
Patrick Wall	18,562	0	0	18,562
Gum Tree Stables LLC	18,348	0	0	18,348
David O'Neill	15,816	0	2,160	17,976
Paul J Capparell	14,859	0	3,000	17,859

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
Wm Entenmann Timber Bay	17,820	0	0	17,820
Richard A Reveley	17,750	0	0	17,750
Lane's End Stallions Inc	0	17,749	0	17,749
F Eugene Dixon	17,512	0	0	17,512
Randall L Rolfe	17,344	0	0	17,344
Michael R Matz	17,312	0	0	17,312
Ellen Dale Racing LLC	17,247	0	0	17,247
Melody Manning Diaz	17,173	0	0	17,173
Scott Russo	12,835	4,278	0	17,114
Win More Stables Inc	17,100	0	0	17,100
Margaret Ferguson	16,817	0	0	16,817
Beancounter Stables LLC	16,711	0	0	16,711
Charlton Bloodstock Agency	16,619	0	0	16,619
Dian Goss	16,452	0	0	16,452
Kenyon G Furlong	16,240	0	0	16,240
Primrose Hayes	16,056	0	0	16,056
James J Nicoletti	16,001	0	0	16,001
R H Breeding LLC	15,960	0	0	15,960
Raymond J Shilensky	15,408	0	0	15,408
Peter T Welling	15,362	0	0	15,362
Dun Roamin Farm Inc	15,322	0	0	15,322
John A Chandler	11,243	4,023	0	15,266
Scott A Lake	14,286	0	900	15,186
Melvin Ray Moyer	15,132	0	0	15,132
Robert F Fishman	4,651	10,468	0	15,119
Donald S Reeder	14,922	0	0	14,922
Elizabeth B Barr	14,791	0	0	14,791
Fred DiMeo	14,746	0	0	14,746
Prakash Patel	14,676	0	0	14,676
The Elkstone Group LLC	14,581	0	0	14,581
Joanne E Raymond	14,322	0	0	14,322
Thoroughbred Mgmt LLC	2,400	11,828	0	14,228
Caroline Stearns	14,118	0	0	14,118
Epona Equine LLC	13,956	0	0	13,956
John A Damico	10,093	3,802	0	13,895
Galen R Behney	13,030	0	780	13,810
Huckleberry Farm LLC	13,609	0	0	13,609
Sinatra Thoroughbred Racing	13,601	0	0	13,601
James R McGlinn DC	13,524	0	0	13,524
Larry Ciletti	13,502	0	0	13,502
Horse Shoe Valley Equine Ctr	13,362	0	0	13,362
Northland Farm	9,892	3,297	0	13,189
Everest Stables Inc	13,168	0	0	13,168
JoAnn D Alexander	13,160	0	0	13,160
Albert Thomas Skinner	12,866	0	0	12,866
Robert E Myers	12,835	0	0	12,835
Fiasco Farms Ltd	12,732	0	0	12,732
Max L Polin	10,325	0	2,400	12,725
Susan B Thayer	11,983	0	720	12,703
M & M Stable	10,080	2,602	0	12,682
Clinton R Wolfe	12,551	0	0	12,551
Wind N Leaves Farm Inc	12,550	0	0	12,550
Fastness LLC	0	12,548	0	12,548
Joe Dan Farm Inc	12,454	0	0	12,454
Sandra Kim Eshleman	12,172	0	0	12,172
James Nolan	12,171	0	0	12,171
Jan D Spell	12,165	0	0	12,165
Jeremy J H Gillam	12,091	0	0	12,091
Ascoli Piceno Stables LLC	11,928	0	0	11,928
George Herzberger III	11,878	0	0	11,878
Beth Ann Brown Gambone	11,800	0	0	11,800
David G Szymanski	11,728	0	0	11,728
Our Farm Inc	4,473	7,255	0	11,728
Red Tail Hollow LLC	11,722	0	0	11,722
Estate of Robert W Camac	11,682	0	0	11,682
John Hulak	11,651	0	0	11,651
Stephen J Barberino Jr Trust	11,554	0	0	11,554
Richard Englander	11,480	0	0	11,480
Margaret M Crane	11,336	0	0	11,336
Penna Thoro'breds LLC	8,341	2,780	0	11,122
Andrea Gonzalez	11,107	0	0	11,107
Robert H Whiteley	10,957	0	0	10,957
Harry L Landry	10,728	0	0	10,728
Jose Montanez	10,502	0	0	10,502
Susan H Wantz	10,429	0	0	10,429
Pamela A Volpone	10,408	0	0	10,408

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William Lynn Jones	10,187	0	0	10,187
Carl E Adams	7,577	2,526	0	10,102
Blue Moon Equestrian Ent	7,810	2,195	0	10,005
Harvey A Clarke	9,949	0	0	9,949
Hidden Point Farm Inc	9,903	0	0	9,903
Randall Alderson	9,744	0	0	9,744
Ronald S Glorioso	9,726	0	0	9,726
Joseph H Nunan III	9,576	0	0	9,576
Jobe Racing Inc	9,535	0	0	9,535
Joe Sugar Jr	9,516	0	0	9,516
Cash Is King Racing Stable	9,466	0	0	9,466
Doris Segel	9,408	0	0	9,408
Moving Cloud Farm LLC	9,120	0	0	9,120
Karen Kohl	6,825	2,275	0	9,100
Thomas H Bravenec	9,080	0	0	9,080
Michele L Madonna	9,000	0	0	9,000
Howard Schaeffer	8,976	0	0	8,976
Susan Hansen	8,942	0	0	8,942
John J Gorey Four Green Fields	8,903	0	0	8,903
Timothy Ritchey Racing Stable	8,888	0	0	8,888
Thomas W Justice	8,853	0	0	8,853
Candice M Smith	8,848	0	0	8,848
Coal Valley Farm Ltd	8,820	0	0	8,820
Joseph C Walsh	8,628	0	0	8,628
Justice Farm Inc	8,620	0	0	8,620
John Kidwell	8,610	0	0	8,610
River Ridge Farm LLC	7,411	0	1,080	8,491
Susan Bunning	8,428	0	0	8,428
Richard Lenihan	8,299	0	0	8,299
Venneri Racing Inc	8,252	0	0	8,252
Rodrigo Madrigal	8,226	0	0	8,226
Jerry A Thurston	8,202	0	0	8,202
DLS Thoroughbreds Inc	8,196	0	0	8,196
Sez Who Thoroughbreds	8,174	0	0	8,174
Hickory Plains LLC	7,553	0	600	8,153
Alison E Farwell Jr	8,104	0	0	8,104
Blossom Hill Breeders	5,490	0	2,580	8,070
351 Real Estate LLC	8,069	0	0	8,069
Warwick Stables Inc	8,057	0	0	8,057
Bada Bing Stables	7,950	0	0	7,950
James D Koch	6,780	0	1,080	7,860
Elizabeth A Miller	7,825	0	0	7,825
Jeremy Rose	7,823	0	0	7,823
Richard L Horwitz	7,807	0	0	7,807
Hart Farm Inc	7,800	0	0	7,800
Jane G Baker	7,728	0	0	7,728
Walter C Reese	7,672	0	0	7,672
Constance A Scherr	7,559	0	0	7,559
Nikolai W Taras	6,783	0	600	7,383
Jeri Mooneyham	7,326	0	0	7,326
David W Geist	6,409	0	840	7,249
SMD Ltd	7,204	0	0	7,204
Charles D & Martha M Heath	7,140	0	0	7,140
Iris Coggins	7,120	0	0	7,120
Donald P Saville	7,041	0	0	7,041
Teresa Garofalo	0	6,981	0	6,981
Raymond Farrell	0	6,880	0	6,880
Apple Tree Stables Inc	6,851	0	0	6,851
Gordon Reeder	6,804	0	0	6,804
Thomas J Brown	6,714	0	0	6,714
Juan Carlos Guerrero	6,496	0	0	6,496
Shirley K Lamb	6,480	0	0	6,480
Patricia S Schuster	6,474	0	0	6,474
Tommy H Condrey	6,468	0	0	6,468
R Mark McCullough	6,451	0	0	6,451
Daniel M Ryan	5,045	0	1,368	6,413
Hope Hill Farm	5,241	1,147	0	6,388
Frederick S Champagne	4,680	1,560	0	6,240
James Hackman	6,216	0	0	6,216
Grace E Ritzenberg	6,190	0	0	6,190
Landslide Farm Inc	6,120	0	0	6,120
Daniel L Smucker	6,023	0	0	6,023
Harmony Hill Farm	5,912	0	0	5,912
Michael J Gill	0	0	5,868	5,868
Jean A Seidel	5,842	0	0	5,842
Andrew J Hawthorne	0	5,837	0	5,837

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
Mer-Lyn Farms LLC	5,720	0	0	5,720
Barbara M Mayne	4,284	1,428	0	5,712
Good Fellas Inc	0	5,700	0	5,700
J & B Stables	5,562	0	0	5,562
Charles R Yonker	5,515	0	0	5,515
Long Stretch Farm LLC	5,480	0	0	5,480
Heidi E Trimbur	5,440	0	0	5,440
Susan J Smith	5,431	0	0	5,431
William F Goodling	5,395	0	0	5,395
Highland Eyrie Inc	5,320	0	0	5,320
Flying Pidgeon Syndicate	0	5,241	0	5,241
Joseph G Giorgio	0	5,211	0	5,211
Bandco Farms LLC	5,169	0	0	5,169
Jane White	4,973	0	0	4,973
Robert A Brandt	4,968	0	0	4,968
Stacy McMullin Machiz	4,928	0	0	4,928
P G Stables LLC	4,198	0	654	4,852
Frank A Penn	4,827	0	0	4,827
Max Pearson Stables LLC	4,816	0	0	4,816
Georgette E VanNimwegen	4,788	0	0	4,788
Peter Goldman Capricorn	4,778	0	0	4,778
Janet W Chisholm	3,510	1,170	0	4,680
Henry R C Elser	3,739	0	912	4,651
Donald Lee Gogluizza	3,621	0	1,020	4,641
Jason L Cole	4,594	0	0	4,594
Robert C Roffey Jr	4,407	0	0	4,407
Jodie Pointer	4,404	0	0	4,404
Vicky Schowe	4,386	0	0	4,386
Walter R Cowles	4,368	0	0	4,368
Gregory H Papaleo	4,368	0	0	4,368
Rhodes And Pagnoni	4,334	0	0	4,334
Burden Creek Farm LLC	4,310	0	0	4,310
Clifford W Sise Jr	4,176	0	0	4,176
David DiPietro	4,171	0	0	4,171
Marlin Zipp	4,166	0	0	4,166
Socorro Inc	4,032	0	0	4,032
John R Penn	4,032	0	0	4,032
Thomas M McCann	3,282	0	720	4,002
Hidden Lane Farms Inc	4,000	0	0	4,000
Summer Stables	3,944	0	0	3,944
Lori A Muhlenberg	3,881	0	0	3,881
LaBet Inc	3,861	0	0	3,861
Winbak Farm LLC	3,825	0	0	3,825
Annette Kingerski	3,822	0	0	3,822
Win More II Stables Inc	3,802	0	0	3,802
Eugene E Weymouth	3,792	0	0	3,792
Kenneth L Ramsey	3,670	0	0	3,670
Henry C B Lindh	3,646	0	0	3,646
Jerry Scott Chatham	3,620	0	0	3,620
William D Fossett	3,600	0	0	3,600
James L Nicholson	3,595	0	0	3,595
Andy Simoff	3,528	0	0	3,528
Edward T Bowden Jr	3,524	0	0	3,524
Stephanie Tate	3,466	0	0	3,466
Park Ave Stables	3,410	0	0	3,410
Casino Royale Farm Inc	3,368	0	0	3,368
Patricia Winter Brown	3,365	0	0	3,365
Mill Creek Farm Enterprises	3,326	0	0	3,326
Alvin T Durborow	3,288	0	0	3,288
Walter Magee	3,287	0	0	3,287
Wynnmere Farm	3,224	0	0	3,224
Rolf Sauer	3,181	0	0	3,181
John B Secor	3,168	0	0	3,168
Country Life Farm	3,120	0	0	3,120
Sandra E Conner	2,340	780	0	3,120
Rebekah West	3,081	0	0	3,081
Barbara A Rickline	0	3,025	0	3,025
Ted A Blouse	3,000	0	0	3,000
Est of F Eugene Dixon Jr	3,000	0	0	3,000
Francis L Glowacki	3,000	0	0	3,000
Glenmalure Farm LLC	2,952	0	0	2,952
Mark F Ridall	1,874	1,060	0	2,935
Beatrice D Samaniego	2,880	0	0	2,880
John J Wames	1,710	570	600	2,880
John McCaslin	2,864	0	0	2,864
Katherine J Holman	2,856	0	0	2,856

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Silverrod Stable Inc	2,856	0	0	2,856
Brook Ledge Inc Pine Manor	2,808	0	0	2,808
Edward A Rudley	2,803	0	0	2,803
Daniel A Inverso	2,803	0	0	2,803
Windmill Manor Farm Inc	2,772	0	0	2,772
Hidden Acres 4-D Farm	0	2,767	0	2,767
The Skiman Racing Stable LLC	0	0	2,760	2,760
Francis W Murray	2,749	0	0	2,749
Irene Habernickel	2,716	0	0	2,716
Dr Laura Jane Schrock	0	2,701	0	2,701
Swifty Farms Inc	2,690	0	0	2,690
Harry W Price	1,980	660	0	2,640
Spring Run Farm LLC	2,618	0	0	2,618
5 5 5 Stable	0	0	2,580	2,580
Linda J Blom	2,578	0	0	2,578
Charles Steven Duncker	0	2,546	0	2,546
Margaret H Brigham	2,472	0	0	2,472
Virginia duPont Suarez	1,814	0	648	2,462
Bernadine M Federouch	0	0	2,412	2,412
Sandra M Kite	2,406	0	0	2,406
Andrew N Doyle	2,360	0	0	2,360
Gale Patti	2,347	0	0	2,347
Hugh E Kelley	2,296	0	0	2,296
Dona M Albright	1,707	569	0	2,276
Highland Meadows Farm	2,270	0	0	2,270
Robert Servideo	0	0	2,250	2,250
Northcote Enterprises Inc	2,246	0	0	2,246
Todd Beattie	1,512	0	720	2,232
Peter John Alafoginis	0	2,230	0	2,230
Chris Bouroudis	2,215	0	0	2,215
Elizabeth M Merryman	2,120	0	0	2,120
Frances H Leidy	2,097	0	0	2,097
Robert A Kennedy	0	0	2,094	2,094
Christine G Capuano	2,034	0	0	2,034
Tammi S Faber	2,028	0	0	2,028
Bryan A George	0	0	2,016	2,016
Connie L Nesteruk	1,956	0	0	1,956
Paul E Labe Jr	1,920	0	0	1,920
Elizabeth Joa Haas	1,920	0	0	1,920
Samuel E Webb	0	0	1,920	1,920
Maria M Haire	1,872	0	0	1,872
Richard Simoff Inc	1,848	0	0	1,848
Charles A King Jr	0	1,810	0	1,810
Lance Robert Vander Heyden	0	0	1,800	1,800
Team Green Stable Inc	1,799	0	0	1,799
Patricia R Brunstetter	1,784	0	0	1,784
Freebie Inc	1,320	440	0	1,760
James L Driver	1,728	0	0	1,728
Edward J Madden Sr	1,728	0	0	1,728
Donald L Brown Jr	0	0	1,728	1,728
Michael Angelil	1,140	0	570	1,710
DeVan L Shumway	0	0	1,680	1,680
Aracrest Racing Stables LLC	0	0	1,680	1,680
Brushwood Stable	1,663	0	0	1,663
Paladin of PA Inc	1,650	0	0	1,650
Ralph Demicco Jr	0	0	1,620	1,620
Leif K Anderson	0	1,600	0	1,600
Clovis Crane	1,580	0	0	1,580
Deborah M Costello-Smylie	1,571	0	0	1,571
Patricia M Palmer Estate	1,562	0	0	1,562
Henry S Witt Jr	0	0	1,560	1,560
Alfred G Burkhardt	0	0	1,560	1,560
Leida R Iturralde	0	0	1,560	1,560
Andre B Collins	1,541	0	0	1,541
Lynda R Gallagher	1,512	0	0	1,512
Pete Sinetos	1,507	0	0	1,507
Randy A Schwalm	0	0	1,476	1,476
Thomas G McClay	0	0	1,440	1,440
Angela Kutsor	0	0	1,440	1,440
Paul Clevenger Jr	1,428	0	0	1,428
Janet Polachek	1,428	0	0	1,428
Andrew McKenzie	1,417	0	0	1,417
Robert I Marshall	1,389	0	0	1,389
SMS Racing Inc	1,386	0	0	1,386
Norman G Lewis	1,386	0	0	1,386
Sandee Dee Beattie	0	0	1,380	1,380

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
Hillaire Racing Stable	0	0	1,380	1,380
CJZ Racing Stable	1,355	0	0	1,355
Dennis H Shappell	1,326	0	0	1,326
John O'Meara	1,294	0	0	1,294
Caldera Racing Stable LLC	1,271	0	0	1,271
John Lemmens	1,260	0	0	1,260
Francis J Ortale	1,247	0	0	1,247
Mary A Kernan	1,232	0	0	1,232
Kimi Marie Somerville	1,201	0	0	1,201
Robert & Diane Jones	1,201	0	0	1,201
Restless Oaks Farm LLC	1,200	0	0	1,200
Ann Bryson Sears	1,200	0	0	1,200
Hassan Elamri	1,200	0	0	1,200
Vintage Thoroughbreds LLC	0	0	1,200	1,200
Barry McCarty	1,152	0	0	1,152
Dogwood Stable Inc	0	0	1,140	1,140
Francisco Sandoval	0	0	1,140	1,140
Heather Young	1,122	0	0	1,122
June A Thurston	0	0	1,080	1,080
James E Hess	0	0	1,020	1,020
Ronald Edward Taylor Jr	0	0	1,020	1,020
Roberta L Schneider MD	1,016	0	0	1,016
Bonnie Heath Farm LLC	1,014	0	0	1,014
A Step Up Inc	1,000	0	0	1,000
Joan M Brown	990	0	0	990
Alexander Gordon Watson	986	0	0	986
Kevin Patterson	0	0	960	960
Randy Gene Blevins	0	0	960	960
Bryant H Prentice III	957	0	0	957
Mill Ridge Farm	0	935	0	935
Joanne D Stevenson	933	0	0	933
Marcia Heylin	924	0	0	924
Brian Scott Dance	0	916	0	916
Indian Mills Stock Farm Inc	0	0	900	900
Par Five Stable LLC	0	0	900	900
Kazdan Racing Stables	0	0	900	900
Janice Wendling	878	0	0	878
Robert A Peoples	0	840	0	840
Four Sisters Stable LP	840	0	0	840
Ben Mondello	0	0	840	840
James Miller Pettine	0	0	840	840
Ronald N Mather	836	0	0	836
Ralph S Frame	832	0	0	832
Early et al Escape Group LLC	816	0	0	816
Johnston-Pacitti Partnership	785	0	0	785
John D Conner	0	0	780	780
Murray Rojas	0	0	780	780
Elbert Fenimore	0	0	780	780
Enck Racing LLC	0	0	780	780
Renpher Stable	0	0	780	780
Teresa Rowan	0	0	780	780
Edward F Walsh	0	0	780	780
Kathy E Pellegrino	0	0	780	780
LaMarca Stable	0	0	780	780
Eugene A Fisher	770	0	0	770
Heather B Hunter	0	0	720	720
Stephen A Glessner	0	0	720	720
Juan C Sepulveda	0	0	720	720
Ramon Domenech	0	0	720	720
John Frederick Randolph	0	0	720	720
Dennis Behrmann	0	0	720	720
Ironhorse Racing LLC	0	0	720	720
Barbara E Vranas Burdick	702	0	0	702

Award Recipient	Breeder Awards	Stallion Awards	Owner Awards	YTD Total Awards
Elizabeth Cousins Korrell	700	0	0	700
Richland Hills Inc	700	0	0	700
Thomas J Kelly	686	0	0	686
Kathryn L Earhart	0	0	678	678
David G Davies	0	0	660	660
Elizabeth S Ricker	0	0	660	660
Ronald Thoma	0	0	660	660
Dean M Della Loggia	0	0	660	660
Carmen H Celino	0	0	660	660
Inwood Farm Inc	0	0	660	660
Online Racing Club II LLC	0	0	660	660
Michael D Byrnes	0	0	660	660
Ronald M Rozell	0	0	660	660
Robert E Lesher	0	0	648	648
Angel A Vergaray	0	0	648	648
Francis A Mosco Jr	0	0	648	648
Konstantino Stamos	0	0	624	624
Paul E Labe Sr	462	154	0	616
Harry Weisleder	0	0	600	600
Robert E Sears	0	0	600	600
Amy Hartman	0	0	600	600
Herbert L Hogg	572	0	0	572
Rebecca Brok	0	0	570	570
Lee R Christian	0	0	570	570
Michael T Hushen	0	0	570	570
Bobbie June McAlister	0	0	570	570
Donald L Schmidt	0	0	570	570
Oak Ridge Farms	560	0	0	560
W J Hindman	550	0	0	550
Harper Stables LLC	0	532	0	532
Heidi Crane	526	0	0	526
Sherrill Langsam	524	0	0	524
David Asimov	524	0	0	524
Londonderry Farm Inc	494	0	0	494
Graeme H Beaton	0	476	0	476
John A Stultz	475	0	0	475
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Big Shot Stable LLC	449	0	0	449
Robert Seeger	0	440	0	440
Joyce P Jones	440	0	0	440
Olney Stable LLC	440	0	0	440
Danzel Brendemuehl	436	0	0	436
Ronald W Rogers	429	0	0	429
Paraneck Stallions Inc	0	408	0	408
Walter P DeForest III	351	0	0	351
Larry W Hayes	338	0	0	338
Iwin Farms LLC	338	0	0	338
Frederick A Ziegler	0	330	0	330
Susan G Rawls Inc	330	0	0	330
Samuel Keyrouze	317	0	0	317
Robert P Folk	314	0	0	314
Stephen E Morrone DVM	308	0	0	308
Anthony W Ostan	308	0	0	308
Leigh A Herzberger	308	0	0	308
Anne S Burgoon	0	293	0	293
Kevin P Gallagher	275	0	0	275
Barbara G Smith	242	0	0	242
Donald C Wilson	220	0	0	220

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SCTOBA's annual winter meeting proves informative

The South Carolina Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association winter meeting took place on December 12 at Franklin Smith's Elloree Training Center in Elloree. Fellowship and barbecue were the order of the day.

The featured speaker was Francis Vanlangendonck of Summerfield Sales in Ocala, Fla., who outlined some of the dos and don'ts in offering horses at auction and presented an interesting overview of the Thoroughbred market. The group responded with many questions, as many people were trying to plan a course of action for 2010.

SCTOBA members were also honored by the presence of jockey Jamie (Stick Man) Cornwell, who battled cancer for most of last year in a manner that is truly an inspiration.

Officers and directors for 2010 to 2011 were elected. They are as follows:

President, Lee Christian; vice presidents, Donna Freyer, Deborah McCutchen, Kelly Murphy; secretary, Wylie Perkins; treasurer, Gwen Christian; directors, Donald Baker, Webb Carroll, Jane Dunn, Kip Elser, John Fort, June Lennon, Wilhelmina McEwan, Doris Rabon, Jack Sadler, Rich Scelfo, Franklin Smith and Madelon Wallace.

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Bloodstock agent Francis Vanlangendonck's remarks drew an active response from the crowd.

Other special guests included Betty Rankin, who updated the group on the South Carolina Horse Council (SCHC) and urged members to get involved with the SCHC and its activities.

Also Diane and David Harrington told the group what is going on with the Alabama Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and the possibility of a return to live racing in Birmingham.

Virginia News

February 2010

FROM THE VIRGINIA THOROUGHBRED ASSOCIATION

Thoroughbred Celebration Horse Show puts spotlight on Off the Track Thoroughbreds

The Thoroughbred Celebration Fall Horse Show featuring Off the Track Thoroughbreds (OTTBs) proved once again that "if you build it, they will come." The show was hosted by the Virginia Horse Center Foundation and held at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington on November 21 and 22.

It was the second time the foundation hosted the event, giving former race horses, and Thoroughbreds who trained to race but never competed, an opportunity to perform in a two-day hunter/jumper show. These equine athletes demonstrate that ex-race horses are versatile, talented and retrainable.

Goshen Pass, a 17-hand Virginia-bred gelding, sailed through the jumper course along with owner/rider Teresa Brookins of Aiken, S.C. Courtesy of Brant Gamma.

From left: Diana Baker and her daughter, Emma, Anna Ford and Diana McClure. Courtesy of Brant Gamma.

One-hundred OTTBs participated in the show, which was chaired by Anne Russek. Riders could choose from 25 classes consisting of many levels of competition. Depending on their placings in the over fences classes, some horses qualified to compete in Sunday's $1,000 hunter and $1,000 jumper stakes classes. For many of the horses, this was their first show; some were seasoned competitors wrapping up their 2009 horse show calendar.

The Blue Horse Charities division featured walk/trot and walk/trot/canter classes. A percentage of the entry fees was donated to Blue Horse Charities, which funds Thoroughbred placement facilities across the country. A successful silent auction and raffle were also held for Blue Horse Charities, raising nearly $1,200. There was an additional raffle for Thoroughbred Placement and Rescue Inc., of Maryland. Anna Ford, representing New Vocations of Ohio and author of *Beyond the Track: Retraining the Thoroughbred from Racehorse to Riding Horse* was present for a book-signing. Ford also was available to answer questions regarding Thoroughbred adoption.

Sponsorships for the show included racing organizations such as the Charles Town HBPA, as well as industry owners, breeders, trainers and veterinarians. Dr. Reynolds Cowles of Blue Ridge Equine and the Haughey family of Charlottesville sponsored the exhibitors dinner. Sponsors from outside of racing included individuals and organizations dedicated to Thoroughbred rescue and rehabilitation. The North American Thoroughbred Society donated two engraved silver trophies for the winners of the hunter and jumper stakes classes.

There were many memorable highlights of the show. One More for the Road, who won or placed in 17 stakes and earned $683,024 while racing under the name P Day, captured the reserve championship in the Belmont jumper division. Another success story involved Silent Thunder, ridden by his owner Amy Steinmann. Before beginning his career as a hunter, he was twice stakes-placed, earning $219,723.

Teresa Brookins, whose family history with Thoroughbreds spans at least five generations, traveled from Aiken, S.C., with her 17-hand Virginia-bred gelding Goshen Pass. Not only is this horse successful at the preliminary level of eventing, he was champion of the Saratoga jumper division, and finished fourth in the $1,000 jumper stake class at the show. Brookins is the niece of Robert Walter of Vine Hill Ranch, Sabastopol, Calif., who had several Kentucky Derby contenders.

Exhibitor Krista Hodgkin, who won the $1,000 hunter stake aboard her mare Well Spent (who raced as All Game), said "the Thoroughbred Celebration Shows are incredibly special. These shows have piqued my interest in racing and researching my horse's background. Everyone in attendance instantly becomes connected to the racing world, as each one of these horses enters the ring and their bio is announced while they are on course. It is truly magical."

The Thoroughbred Celebration will offer three shows in 2010, a "triple crown": March 20 and 21, June 12 and 13, and November 20 and 21. All three shows will take place in the East Complex of the Virginia Horse Center.

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FROM THE VIRGINIA HORSEMEN'S BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Mary Lou Domres, wife of the VHBPA's executive director, Frank Petramalo, draws the winning raffle ticket.

Bert Allen wins Christmas day raffle

Bert Allen, a VHBPA owner/member and longtime supporter of Virginia racing, won the VHBPA's Christmas Day $1,000 raffle prize. He is the father of Maryland-based trainer Ferris Allen, who vies frequently with Hamilton Smith for the leading trainer title at Colonial Downs. Bert lives in Richmond, Va.

With few exceptions, Bert is at the track every day of the summer meet extending an ever-present friendly greeting to fellow racing fans. He also lends his support to the VHBPA by regularly attending monthly meetings of the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC).

The Christmas raffle was based on postcards sent in by VHBPA members listing their e-mail addresses. On Christmas Day, Bert Allen's name was drawn from a box containing about 300 cards.

The VHBPA is using the e-mail addresses to create a new system for communicating with its members on racing issues. Anyone interested in Virginia racing can take part by sending his or her e-mail address to the VHBPA at race@vhbpa.org.

Colonial Downs in 2010

The VHBPA and track management are close to reaching an agreement on a new horsemen's contract that, among other items, will set the racing schedule for this summer's meet at Colonial Downs. Subject to final agreement of the parties, and approval by the VRC, there will likely be 40 race days starting on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 29, and going through Wednesday, July 21. That schedule is premised on this year's Pimlico meet ending on May 22.

Racing will be five days a week, but with a possible new twist. The usual Friday race day may shift to the normally dark Wednesday. If so, races will be carded Saturday through Wednesday, with no racing on Thursday and Friday. Though Friday is usually a good attendance day, track management believes overall handle will increase with added out-of-state wagering on Wednesday races.

Average daily purses are expected to be slightly in excess of $180,000, or about the same as last year. However, daily overnights may increase if Colonial agrees to reduce the Virginia Derby purse from $750,000 to $600,000, as proposed by the VHBPA.

The modest purse levels reflect the fact that Virginia racing is not immune from the national 13 percent decrease in pari-mutuel wagering experienced over the past couple of years. That is significant because handle generates purse money. Here is how it works in Virginia.

There are four sources of revenue for the VHBPA horsemen's purse account. In order of magnitude they are: (1) year-round wagering on out-of-state races at Colonial's eight satellite wagering facilities (SWFs) in central and southern Virginia, of which the horsemen receive about 5 percent of handle; (2) year-round Internet wagering at home on out-of-state races by Virginia residents having accounts with advance deposit wagering companies (ADWs) such as TVG, YouBet, TwinSpires, XpressBet and Colonial's own EZ Horseplay, of which the horsemen receive about 4 percent of handle; (3) wagering on live races at Colonial Downs during the 40-day summer race meet, of which the horsemen receive about 8.5 percent of handle; (4) out-of-state wagering on Colonial's races during the 40-day summer meet, of which the horsemen receive a little more than 1 percent of handle.

Revenue from the first two – SWF and ADW handle on out-of-state races – on an annual basis makes up more than 85 percent of the horsemen's purse account. Simply put, Virginia is an importing state. Our purse account depends on races simulcast to us from other jurisdictions. Racing in the state cannot exist based solely on wagering on Colonial's live races.

The chart below illustrates Virginia's purse economics.

The drop in SWF handle, occasioned in part by a depressed national economy, has been offset somewhat by an increase in ADW handle. On a positive note, starting January 1, 2010, the horsemen's share of ADW handle increased from approximately 4 percent to a flat rate of 5 percent by virtue of a 2009 legislative amendment to the state Racing Act. Going forward, that rate increase could annually add an extra half million dollars to the purse account.

The amendment to the Racing Act also requires a 1 percent handle contribution to the Virginia Breeders Fund by all ADW companies licensed in Virginia. In the past, the breeders fund received 1 percent of SWF handle, but nothing from the growing ADW Internet handle. The recent legislative change may generate an additional $400,000 annually for the fund and may help increase purses.

For the past two years the breeders fund supplemented purses with a 100 percent bonus payment to the owners of Virginia-bred or Virginia-sired horses winning in open company at Colonial Downs. Bonus money exceeded $1 million in 2008, but dropped to nearly $500,000 in 2009 because of the dip in SWF handle.

The VHBPA has proposed continuing the 100 percent owner's bonus program in 2010, hopefully using the new breeders fund revenue stream to restore bonuses to 2008 levels.

	SWF handle	ADW handle	Purse account share
2007	$159 million	$33 million	$7.4 million
2008	$142 million	$47 million	$7.2 million
2009	$119 million	$50 million	$6.5 million

West Virginia

THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter February 2010

West Virginia-bred tidings 2009

As 2009 drew to an end, even bone-chilling December temperatures could not deter some outstanding performances by local West Virginia-bred talent at Charles Town.

December 3: Race 2. Purse $28,000. Accredited West Virginia-bred maiden 2-year-olds. Six and one-half furlongs. 1. **Loads of Fun**; 2. Warlocked; 3. Shiny Blue.

Owner/trainer John A. Casey spent the majority of last year basking in the limelight of his stakes-winning juvenile fillies Downtown Allen and I Got a Answer. A change of equipment (blinkers) for his homebred colt Loads of Fun augmented the youngster's confidence and the second time out with blinkers on resulted in a victory. According to Casey, the chestnut son of Luftikus out of Burst the Bubble, by Salt Lake, never lacked the potential to successfully compete, just the desire to persevere. The colt was bred by John's father, James W. Casey.

December 4: Race 7. Purse $11,000. Accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up. Six and one-half furlongs. 1. **Sir Amakus**; 2. Betterton; 3. Best to Go West.

Trainer Lewis E. Craig Jr. always seems to make the best of his limited opportunities, and this night proved no exception. Owned by Dominick Fargo, Sir Amakus is a now 4-year-old dark bay or brown gelding by Luftikus out of Miss Amazona, by Track Barron. He was bred by James W. Casey.

December 6: Race 7. Purse $28,000. Accredited West Virginia-bred maiden fillies and mares, 3, 4 and 5 years old. Seven furlongs. 1. **Acquaints Blessing**; 2. Get'em Out; 3. Mischief Margaret.

Owner/trainer David L. Hendrickson weighs his options carefully before embarking on the long trip from his base in North Carolina to Charles Town. This Sunday excursion paid handsome dividends when Acquaints Blessing valiantly held sway to earn $16,800 for her maiden-breaking score as a 3-year-old facing older rivals. The daughter of Mercer Mill—Acquaint, by Full Pocket, a half-sister to three-time W.Va. Dash for Cash Breeders Classic winner Not for Sam bred by Wade Sanderson, had to her credit three earlier placings.

Race 9. Purse $29,000. Allowance. Accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up. Four and one-half furlongs. 1. **Perfect Way**; 2. Sheckyshighnote; 3. Speedy Sammy.

Perfect Way's pedigree may suggest stamina and distance, but so far sprinting is his specialty. The now 5-year-old son of Way West (Fr)—Pleasantly Royal, by Pleasant Colony, was bred in West Virginia by O'Sullivan Farms and races in the distinctive Blue and Gold colors of his breeder, co-owner with Richard and Ellen Schwartz.

December 9: Race 2. Purse $11,000. Accredited West Virginia-breds, 3 & up. Four and one-half furlongs. 1. **Polish Logic**; 2. Watchinmypocket; 3. Maw Irish View.

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Trainer Anthony Carone has established one of the few horse racing partnerships in the state – New McRace Horse Stable. With his recent win, Polish Logic, a now 6-year-old gelding by Polish Miner—Five to Won, by Clever Champ, helped to bolster the enterprise. Polish Logic was bred by Wayne and Pamela Bussard.

December 10: Race 4. Purse $16,500. Accredited West Virginia-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Four and one-half furlongs. 1. **Sweet Aloha**; 2. Unlimited Diamond; 3. Makin the Blues.

Throughout 2009, trainer Tim Grams maintained a superb win percentage, as well as a strong in-the-money ratio. His skill was especially apparent with female runners, including Beware of the Bop, Run Louis Run and Clicquot Cat, and the consistent claimer Sweet Aloha. A daughter of Western Cat—Sweet Leilani, by Tagish, Sweet Aloha was bred by O'Sullivan Farms and easily dispatched her competition en route to her seventh lifetime win.

December 11. Race 6. Purse $17,000. Accredited West Virginia-bred maiden fillies and mares, 3, 4 and 5 years old. Four and one-half furlongs. 1. **Who Nellie**; 2. Grenada Pat; 3. Mufasa Slew.

Conditioner Brian Boyce spent many hours behind the scenes laboring on other people's horses before recently getting the opportunity to train a string of his own. Good fortune shone on the industrious young man as Who Nellie charged from slightly off the pace in the field of 10 to register her initial career win. H and N Stable (D. Howard) owns the daughter of Civilisation—Wheeling Island, by Judge Smells. Now 5, Who Nellie was bred by Mr. and Mrs. Enoch W. Price.

December 13: Race 6. Purse $28,000. Accredited West Virginia-bred maiden 2-year-olds. Four and one-half furlongs. 1. **Bo Charity**; 2. E. T. Wonder; 3. Windsor's Secret.

Bo Charity treated his opposition with little to no benevolence on this Sunday afternoon. A Wind N Springs Farm (S.L. Johnson) homebred trained by Freddie Johnson, Bo Charity delivered a nice Christmas present for his connections. The son of Bop—Charity Branch by Financial Matter soared by 12 lengths over the sloppy track.

December 16. Race 1. Purse $17,000. Accredited West Virginia-bred maidens, 3, 4 and 5 years old. Six and one-half furlongs. 1. **Yellow Brick Bank**; 2. Cool Beans; 3. Chain Saw King.

At the age of 5, Yellow Brick Bank, a son of Unbridled Jet owned and bred by O'Sullivan Farms and trained by George Yetsook, made it to the wire just in the nick of time – as Charles Town does not allow 6-year-old maidens to compete. The gelding, making only the second start of his career (his first was on November 5) is out of the Feel the Power mare Ashby Inn, thus a half-brother to O'Sullivan Farm's stellar race mare, $871,630-earner Julie B.

December 18: Race 4. Allowance. Purse $30,000. Accredited West Virginia-bred fillies and mares, 3 & up. Seven furlongs. 1. **Fluvanna**; 2. Little Cat B; 3. Come Here Oonga.

Top-five Charles Town trainer Ollie L. Figgins III can be counted on to bring his horses to the paddock in fine condition. Figgins hails from a solid racing background, and on any given day a trip to his stable will allow a visitor to get a glimpse of Figgins's attention to detail. Stakes-placed Fluvanna, making the 19th start of her career in her final outing as a 3-year-old, got her fourth career victory in frontrunning fashion. Owned by Ray Pennington III, Fluvanna, bred by Charles (Buck) Woodson Jr., is by Woodson's home stallion Ghostly Minister out of Miss Hadif, by Hadif.

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